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A MILLION thanks for your three new features, Soccertistics, Dateline Diary and Readers' Forum. I cannot praise them enough.

Looking back over my early issues I see how often Eric Batty has called out a warning against the increase in over-rough football, backed to a man by all WORLD SOCCER contributors. I wonder if the time will come when brutal fouls will be punished with a penalty kick, no matter where the offence occurs.

Alas, what is a brutal foul? A crude tackle, a niggle tackle, rabbit punch on the referee's blind side? We are going to need real, could - not - care - less - for - partisan-supporters referees and how about their being given transistor television sets for their shirt pockets and horse-racing like photofinishes?

I have always been interested in improvements and theories on football. Are we so isolated by water that our own football is so different to the world that inherited our game? Why do so many British supporters have such a partisan and parochial attitude to the game? Why not be open-minded, learn about and learn from international teams and admit flaws in British teams?

Do I ask too much from people who stone Italian goalkeepers; who shout abuse and filth at one another; who keep down club attendances with their reign of terror and intimidation and assault; who fling bottles, sing anti-everything chants and turn football supporting into a pseudo-religious and political mass-meeting?

Perhaps I do and perhaps writers and readers of WORLD SOCCER will help influence British and English speaking supporters to become football supporters not wrecking parasites.

PATRICK J. MURPHY,
Belfast 12.

NOT TOO MANY

AS a regular reader of WORLD SOCCER since the first edition, I am in possession of every copy so far published. I often thumb through the back-numbers and am amazed at the progress the magazine has made.

I particularly like Round the World Stories, Roger Macdonald's interesting writing in World Diary and European League Review and you are to be congratulated on the new Dateline Diary and Soccertistics. Most of all, however, I enjoy Eric Weil's informative writing on the South American Scene; he really does justice to this colourful soccer continent.

I will ventufe one word of criticism if I may. Please, not too many statistics. These are only the bare bones, so to speak, and it is the personalities behind the scorelines that I personally enjoy reading about.

MALCOLM SHAW,
Oldham, Lancs.

WITHDRAW

JUST after the 1966 World Cup there appeared to be a danger that several Latin countries would withdraw from the governing body. Although this may have been sour grapes from some, at being knocked out in the way that they were, I fear that there could be a similar situation after the 1970 World Cup if the causes of these grievances are not eliminated.

These causes are several in number but the main one appears to be inconsistent refereeing. For instance, in the 1966 tournament one man was sent off for apparently swearing at the referee but in the very same match (England v. Argentina) another player was not even censured for a punch that would have been illegal in a boxing-ring.

In other matches, incessant smaller fouls were hardly punished at all, while one burst of temper in the extreme heat of the moment was punished by instant dismissal. Some referees allowed certain things, others did not; at times it became absurd!

So, in my humble opinion, a much greater uniformity must be achieved in order to avoid a complete split in world soccer in the summer of 1970.

M. KNOWLES,
Norfolk.

READERS' FORUM

READERS' FORUM provides a platform for the views of "World Soccer" readers . . . on all aspects of international football and ideas for increasing the coverage of the magazine itself. Letters should be sent to: Readers' Forum, World Soccer, 84 Temple Chambers, London, E.C.4.

NOT UNLUCKY

AFTER reading Arthur Rotmil's column "Real Record" in the July issue of WORLD SOCCER, I am puzzled as to why he classes Real Madrid's defeat by Manchester United in last year's European Cup semi-final as "unlucky".

I was fortunate enough to attend both of the semi-final games but I cannot remember any incident or otherwise which was unlucky towards Real Madrid.

I feel that Mr. Rotmil is extracting some of the glory from United's overall win.

DAVID C. GOULDING,
High Wycombe, Bucks.

MISTAKE

I WISH to draw your attention to the mistake in the July issue of WORLD SOCCER as regards to the photographs on pages 16 and 33. They should have been the other way round according to the captions.

DAVID FALCONER,
Kilmarnock, Scotland.

(Well spotted, David. The blocks were, as you say, transposed; an unfortunate error that occurred at our printers—Editor)

CONVINCING

AC MILAN owe their convincing victory over Ajax to their firm, experienced defence and their swift counter-attacks but Inter were the side that brought this style to fame.

The evening of May 24, 1967, was a sad, sad day. The finest club side in the world were toppled from their throne by a Celtic side that lacked the finesse and coolness of Inter. The more excitable journalists hailed it as the beginning of a new era in football and eagerly awaited Celtic to paralyse Europe, the following year.

They did paralyse Europe, with shock and surprise. For Celtic it was to be only a brief and fleeting appearance among Europe's elite. And, as for Inter, only time can tell whether they will ever return to their rightful place at the top, where they belong.

M. DEMARCO,
London, S.W.11.

(We imagine that Celtic manager Jock Stein, among others, would not altogether agree with you—Editor)

ADDRESS PLEASE

PLEASE could you inform me of the address of the Spanish Football Association so that I might be able to obtain the ground details of amateur and professional teams in the Costa Brava area.

I. STEAD,
Thames Ditton, Surrey.

(Real Federacion Espanola de Futbol, Avenida Juan de Herrera, s/n Ciudad Universitaria Apartado postal 347, Madrid 3 —Editor)

FASHIONABLE

SINCE the introduction of "Readers' Forum", it would appear that it has become fashionable to write in and merely state what one would like to see in WORLD SOCCER, rather than to offer constructive criticism of any aspect of international football.

However, having said this, I too am at fault, for, having read Keir Radnedge's review of the 1968-69 season in Spain, in the July 1969 copy of said magazine, I am writing to ask if it could be possible for either Chris West, Jim Hawthorne or even Brian Glanville to write a similar article on the 1968-69 season in Italy, as I am certain it would be greatly appreciated by all.

Having lived out in Chile for ten years, I am glad you are increasing your coverage of South American football. However, I am disappointed that you have not featured more articles on individual South American club teams such as Valparaiso Wanderers, Universidad de Chile, Universidad Catolica, Colo Colo, River Plate, Racing, Velez Sarsfield, San Lorenzo or Nacional, none of whom, as far as I know, has been featured in your pages.

C. HOLMAN,
Bristol.

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FRONT COVER PICTURE

Gordon West, goalkeeper of England and Everton, returned home early from his country's South American tour after sustaining a shoulder injury playing against a Mexico XI in Guadalajara.

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COMMENT

THE World Cup qualifying competition is now approaching the concluding stages but there are several unsatisfactory situations which the matches have thrown up.

Undoubtedly with a competition so vast in its concept as the World Cup there are bound to be circumstances of an unpleasant nature which through no fault of the organising body tend to devalue the standard of the tournament itself. Nations who alas find themselves at variance with neighbouring countries cannot be expected to entirely forget all in the comradeship of football, though it is always hoped that warring nations can be brought closer together in friendliness through sport.

by THE EDITOR

This apart it is of little help to have to resort to deciding matches of such an important nature by the toss of a coin. This is no new complaint either to this magazine or bodies throughout the world. But the longer this method of assessment is used, the more the cry will be heard that competitions are not run for the sake of the game, rather as an exercise for those who have a flair for organisation.

There is absolutely no logical reason why matches should be decided by the toss of a coin or the drawing of lots. A toss-up should only enter into the game to determine which team starts at which end/takes first kick. A series of penalty kicks may not be to everyone's liking but they are still within the sphere of the actual playing of the game of football.

Even more unhappily there has been another instance of a match being decided in an even more strange way. Sudan qualified in an African sub-group "having scored more goals in the second match."

Naturally with countries involved in costly travel to international fixtures, there are problems arising from matches which are still drawn at the end of the allotted time, but a way really has to be found round this increasingly annoying situation.

Perhaps it will only come about when one of the bigger countries finds itself eliminated by a spinning disc.

World Soccer's DATELINE DIARY

JUNE 4

PALMERSTON NORTH: Central League, a New Zealand team composed mostly of amateur players, was today defeated 3-2 by the FA touring team. Bruce Rioch, Tony Hateley and Ian Morgan were the FA scorers.

GUATEMALA CITY: Football fans rioted here tonight, throwing beer cans on to the pitch and breaking sports equipment after a local game was suspended because of a rules disagreement. Police were called in to bring the situation under control. The game between first division teams Universidad and Cementos at the Mateo Flores Stadium was halted because of a row over a local practice of distinguishing between players born in Guatemala and those born outside the country. The Sports Institute disputes the difference drawn by the Football Federation as illegal discrimination.

DALLAS: Dundee United beat Dallas Tornado 2-0 in an exhibition match before a crowd of 2,342 here tonight. Davie Wilson and Ian Mitchell were the scorers.

PALMA: St. Johnstone, from Scotland, beat local team Mallorca 3-0 in a friendly tonight. The Scots scored all their goals in the first half.

BARCELONA: Espanol of Barcelona beat Cork Hibernians of Ireland 4-0 in a friendly here today. The Spaniards led 3-0 at half-time.

JUNE 5

NEW YORK: Italian champions Fiorentina were beaten 3-2 by Glasgow Rangers in a fast and furious match here today. Both teams had a player sent off. Fiorentina were three goals down in the first 32 minutes (Colin Stein, Dave Smith and Andy Penman). Claudio Merlo was sent off in the 33rd minute while Willie Johnston was given his marching orders ten minutes from the final whistle. Maraschi (penalty) and Pirovano scored for Fiorentina.

KUALA LUMPUR: Sir Stanley Rous, President of FIFA, will visit Malaysia in August to chair a course for Asian referees. The Asian Football Confederation announced today that his visit would coincide with the annual Merdeka tournament . . . Asia's little "World Cup".

LOURENCO MARQUES, Mozambique: Ron Harris and Charlie Cooke were sent off in the second half as Chelsea romped to a 9-3 victory over a Mozambique XI at the Salazar Stadium here today. Harris and home inside-left Marz were sent off in the 62nd minute for kicking each other and Cooke was expelled in the 82nd minute for arguing with the referee, J. Paiti. Chelsea led 6-0 at half-time and their goals were scored by Tambling (4), Hutchinson (2), Webb and an own-goal.

JUNE 7

JERSEY CITY: A 43rd-minute goal by Denis Gillespie gave Dundee United a 1-0 victory over Juventus of Italy here today in the last match of their North American tour. Crowd: 2,500.

TORONTO: Fiorentina beat Glasgow Rangers 2-0 here today to gain revenge for their earlier defeat.

VICENZA: Sunderland drew 2-2 with Vicenza of Italy in a friendly here today. Sunderland's goals were scored by Ian Porterfield and Colin Suggett.

VERONA: First-half goals by Alan Woodward and Gilbert Reece earned Sheffield United a 2-0 victory over Verona in a friendly here last night.

PARIS: A 1-1 draw against Monaco tonight assured St. Etienne of the French championship and entry into next season's European Cup competition.

LOWFELD, Rhodesia: Clyde reached double figures for the first time on their Rhodesia tour when they beat a Lowfeld District team 12-0, after leading 7-0 at half-time tonight.

HAMILTON, New Zealand: The FA team beat a New Zealand XI 5-0 here today, with George Eastham collecting three of the goals. Keith Weller and Tony Hateley were the other scorers.

JUNE 8

UMALI: Clyde beat a Manicaland XI 7-0 here today. Scorers were: Bill Hulston (2), Jimmy Burns (2), Angus McClean, Ian Stewart and Harry Glasgow.

MONTEVIDEO: England beat Uruguay 2-1 here today to remain undefeated on their three-nation tour. England took the lead through Francis Lee in the 16th minute. Uruguay equalised in the 52nd minute through Luis Cubilla but a goal from Geoff Hurst, ten minutes from time, clinched a fine victory for England.

THE HAGUE: Coventry City, champions for the last two years, were beaten on penalties after being held to a goalless draw by Go Ahead of Holland in the final of the International Youth tournament held here. Tottenham Hotspur beat ADO to take third place.

ZURICH: Basle earned their passport into next season's European Cup when they beat Lucerne 3-2 to clinch the Swiss first division championship.

JUNE 11

BUDAPEST: Newcastle United manager Joe Harvey had an unbeatable 50th birthday present last night . . . a stunning triumph by his team in the final of the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup. After Newcastle had beaten Ujpest Dozsa 3-2 to complete a 6-2 aggregate victory in the two-leg final, Harvey said: "It is my 50th birthday today and no one could want a better birthday present." Harvey, captain of the Newcastle teams which won the FA Cup in 1951 and 1952, added: "I never saw nor played a more sensational cup final than the one tonight."

After 15 years in the soccer doldrums, Newcastle can hold up their heads with the best clubs in Europe. Before their May 29 meeting with Ujpest, Newcastle looked the underdogs against a team which had knocked out the reigning holders, Leeds United, in the quarter-finals. But Newcastle's shock 3-0 conquest of the Hungarian league leaders in the first leg shot them into favouritism.

Perhaps the greatest single factor was the newly discovered scoring power of skipper Bobby Moncur. After a blank season in the Football League, Moncur netted twice in the first leg and scored United's first goal tonight at a vital time.

Ujpest had moved into a 2-0 lead with goals by Bene and Gorocs. But a minute after the interval Moncur netted and four minutes later Preben Arentoft equalised. Alan Foggen, 68th-minute substitute for Jim Scott, struck the final blow, racing through to score in the 70th minute.

ROTTERDAM: Feijenoord and PSV Eindhoven drew 1-1 after extra time today in the final of the Dutch cup.

Gylmar, the Brazilian goalkeeper, makes a flying leap to thwart an England attack. Alan Ball is the England player. (UPI)

DATELINE DIARY, a new monthly feature, brings you day by day soccer news from the world over. Each day's major events in the world of association football are recorded and published in our exclusive DATELINE DIARY.

LA PLATA: Argentina beat Chile 2-1 here tonight; the half-time score was 0-0. Fischer and Brindisi scored for Argentina in the 62nd and 70th minutes, while Olivares scored the only Chilean goal in the 79th minute. The teams drew 1-1 in a friendly in Chile last month.

BUDAPEST: A move to allow more than one club from each city to compete in the European Fairs Cup next season failed by only three votes to get the necessary two-thirds majority here today. The proposal was rejected by the Fairs Cup Committee after the ballot showed 22 votes for and nine against. It was also agreed at today's meeting to change the name of the tournament to the European Fairs Cup, dropping the Inter-Cities label.

The 80-strong committee decided not to take any immediate action against Glasgow Rangers following crowd incidents during their semi-final match against Newcastle United on Tyneside. After studying the report of Harry Cavan, president of the Irish FA and official Fairs Cup observer at the match, the committee felt that no trouble had come from the players.

Sir Stanley Rous, British president of FIFA, said after the meeting that he believed the question of admitting more than one team from each town should be reviewed each year. In cases of "continual hardship" —such as London or Budapest which had a number of top-ranking teams — the rule should be variable to allow exceptions.

ISTANBUL: Goeztepe Izmir beat Bursaspor 1-0 today to win the Turkish Cup Final.

BUDAPEST: The draw for the first round of the European Fairs Cup was made here today: FC Stuttgart (West Germany) v. Plazs FF Malmo (Sweden); FC Charleroi (Belgium) v. Dynamo Zagreb (Yugoslavia); Dundalk (Eire) v. Liverpool (England); Copenhagen (Denmark) v. FC Oporto (Portugal); Arsenal (England) v. Glentoran (N. Ireland); FC Munich (West Germany) v. Skeid Oslo (Norway); Valur (Iceland) v. Anderlecht (Belgium); Dunfermline (Scotland) v. Girondins Bordeaux (France).

MEXICO CITY: A little Mexican with a big sombrero, christened "Juanito", will be the local answer to England's "World Cup Willie" Lion of 1966 in next year's World Cup, the Mexican World Cup Organising Committee announced here today.

JUNE 12

RIO DE JANEIRO: Two late goals by Tostao and Jairzinho snatched victory for Brazil against England in the Maracana Stadium. Colin Bell scored for England in the 14th minute. Brazilian coach, Joao Saldanha, said his team were a "bit lucky" to win but it would give them a "great morale boost" in their World Cup preparations.

Saldanha said it was an "extremely tough match but the Brazilians rose to the occasion". Pelé said he believed England had an "excellent" team, particularly the defence, which was "hard to penetrate".

Jornal Dos Sports today described Brazil's 2-1 win as one of the most important victories of the past few years. Press commentators generally gave high praise to the English side and said they were fitter and better organised than the Brazilians. "Brazil plays badly but still wins 2-1," headlined *Correio Da Mana*. The newspaper said the Brazilian side lacked any definite tactics and owed their victory simply to individualism. *Jornal Dos Brazil* said last night's classic "shows there is still a great difference between Brazil's concept of play—static and individualistic—and modern team football practised by the world champions." Saldanha said: "It was a victory of patience, experience and class. The Brazilian team never let itself get flustered, even when Carlos Alberto missed a penalty."

Bobby Charlton, OBE, pictured with his wife Norma and their two daughters at their home in Cheshire. (Fox)

RIO DE JANEIRO: Ken Aston, deputy chairman of the FIFA Referees' Committee, said here today there must be uniformity in rules interpretation for the 1970 World Cup tournament. Aston underlined the problem of different interpretations by European and South American officials on his arrival here from London. Aston is on a four-day visit as guest of the Brazilian Football Federation to lecture local referees. Aston said referees in the 1970 championships will not officiate in "the South American way or the European way but the FIFA way".

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This has been a long standing sore point between the two continents and one that has led to several international incidents. Celtic were harshly critical of the South American refereeing when they lost the 1967 World Club Championship to Racing of Argentina in a violent play-off in Montevideo. Six players were expelled by the Paraguayan referee.

Aston said one gap that must be overcome was the South American attitude that tackling from behind marked dangerous play. "I will take a South American referee on the field with me and prove to him that tackling from behind is not necessarily dangerous," he declared. Brazilian referee Armando Marques, rated one of the leading referees in Latin America, repeatedly pulled up the England players for tackling from behind in their 2-1 victory over Uruguay. Aston will return to South America next August for a month's tour to see leading referees in action before FIFA names its officials for the World Cup finals. He will discuss with them a new FIFA standard for refereeing in another attempt to close a big interpretation gap between South America and Europe.

MEXICO CITY: Guadalajara will definitely be one of the group venues in the 1970 World Cup tournament, the Mexican Football Federation said here today. The Federation had signed a contract with FIFA to this effect, Federation president Giullermo Canedo told reporters. There had been doubt that Guadalajara would be included among the five venues because its Jalisco Stadium had not been completed. When an England XI defeated a Mexican XI there recently the capacity was 50,000 but it is hoped to increase this number to 72,000 by next year.

MARSEILLES: Morocco beat Tunisia here today on the toss of a coin to go through to the finals of the African group of the 1970 World Cup. Today's match, like two previous ones, ended in a draw. The score was 2-2 (1-1). Attendance: 4,000.

ROTTERDAM: Feijenoord completed a double when they added the Dutch cup to their recently clinched league championship. They beat PSV Eindhoven 2-0 in a replay here today.

MILAN: The first leg of the World Club Championship between AC Milan and Estudiantes de la Plata will probably be played on October 2 or October 8, Milan secretary Bruno Passalaqua said here today. The second leg will probably be played on October 22 or 29. Any play-off is expected to be held in a South American country. Signor Passalaqua said that Mariano Mangano, president of Estudiantes, and Milan officials came to this agreement during a visit by Senor Mangano to Milan today. Bruno Passalaqua added: "It will be necessary to hear the opinions of the Italian and Argentine Football Associations before making a final decision."

FRANKFURT: Bayern Munich scored the first West German League and Cup double for 32 years here today. They beat Schalke 04 2-1 in the Cup Final and had already won the Bundesliga by eight points —a record. Two goals by German international centre-forward Gerd Müller in the 13th and 36th minutes gave Munich their fourth cup final victory. Manfred Pohlschmidt scored Schalke's only goal in the 20th minute.

PENEV (Bulgaria)

DATELINE DIARY of WORLD SOCCER

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SINGAPORE: Coventry City striker Tony Hateley scored four goals in the FA XI's 9-0 scoring spree against Singapore here today.

NAIROBI: African countries are becoming steadily more soccer conscious and keen competition is developing between national teams. Illustrating this trend, a junior soccer tournament will be staged here from June 28 to July 13, with Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and possibly Malawi participating. The second week of the tournament will coincide with East African Youth week.

The tournament will serve as a pointer to East African Junior teams' chances in a forthcoming Africa-wide series of junior international matches which are being organised by the African Football Confederation, whose secretariat is in Cairo. The secretariat decided to organise this tourney following the success of the first Friendship Cup Junior Tournament, which was run alongside the senior tournament in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in January this year.

Kenya backed out of the Junior Friendship cup at the last minute because of domestic problems which led to the dissolution of the Kenya Football Association Committee. The Government has since replaced it with a caretaker committee which is organising the junior tournament here at the end of the month. This series is scheduled to be followed by the first East African Inter-Cities Fairs League competition in which sides from the three East African capitals—Nairobi, Kampala and Dar-es-Salaam—and one from the Kenya coastal town of Mombasa.

Originally two clubs from each of these cities and Mombasa were to have been invited to compete. Later it was decided that each city should have only one representative team, meeting on a home and away basis. Already some of East Africa's neighbouring countries—notably Zambia, Malawi, The Sudan, Ethiopia and Somalia —are showing keen interest in a tournament organised in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania, and have all hinted that they would like to form part of the soccer programme here.

The cities that would easily be approached are Khartoum (Sudan), Addis Ababa, Blantyre, Lusaka and Mogadishyu (Somalia). All these cities have in the past indicated their willingness to compete in any tournament organised by their counterparts in East Africa. Soccer enthusiasts here think there are good chances that the proposed Inter-Cities Fairs League will spread to embrace other African countries, eventually even becoming an Africa-wide tournament.

Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania will use the Junior tournament as a useful testing ground for the proposed Africa-wide competition and the next Junior Friendship Cup tournament, due to be held either in Khartoum or Nairobi in December 1970. Commenting on this month's tournament, Mr. Jonathan Njenga, chairman of the government-sponsored Kenya Football Committee, said: "We welcome the tournament between Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania, not only because it will commemorate youth week but it will also help to bolster the image of soccer in East Africa.

"The competition will give us a chance to see our future internationals in action and we are out to win it." It is generally thought here that the Kenyan players will do well as they have the advantage of home grounds. Mr. Moor Hassan, secretary of the East African Football Conference, expressed the hope that countries like Malawi would accept invitations extended to them to take part in both the East African Challenge Cup and the Junior Tournament. "This would give our competition even more strength," he said.

ZURICH: The President's Conference of the European Football Union (UEFA) today unanimously approved the introduction of a new competition for European national under-23 teams.

The conference, which groups representatives from 33 member associations of UEFA, agreed that the competition would be held every two years. Matches should be played on the same dates as qualifying games for the European or world championships, the conference agreed. A proposal that the age limit for the teams be reduced to 21 years was rejected by 17 votes to seven.

Because of the World Cup matches in Mexico next year, the conference agreed

the following dates for the 1969–70 European Cup and Cup Winners Cup competitions:

Quarter-finals, March 4 and 18, 1970; semi-finals, April 14 and 18; Cup Winners Cup Final, April 29; European Cup Final, May 6. Dates agreed for the 1970–71 competitions were: First round, September 16 and 30; second round, October 21 and November 4; quarter-finals, March 10 and 24, 1971; semi-finals, April 14 and 28.

The conference recommended to the UEFA executive committee that the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup competition be integrated with the other two European events from 1971–72 onwards. A Scottish proposal that players suspended in national football should be barred from the European competitions was rejected.

ZURICH: North Korea, quarter-finalists in 1966, were ruled out of the 1970 Mexico World Soccer Cup by the International Football Federation (FIFA) here today for failing to agree to a venue for their qualifying group matches. The North Koreans, drawn in the same group as Israel and New Zealand, complained that Israel was too far away, a FIFA official said. The Koreans next failed to appear at a meeting in Guadalajara, Mexico, last October to discuss an alternative venue and FIFA decided that the Israeli fixture should go ahead as planned. North Korea then renewed their objections to playing in Israel, but failed to make any alternative suggestions, the FIFA official added. Two weeks ago FIFA cabled the North Korea Football Association to say that if they received no immediate reply they would assume the Koreans did not wish to take part in the competition. Today, still receiving no reply, FIFA president, Sir Stanley Rous of Britain, gave the go-ahead for eliminating North Korea.

JUNE 15

MADRID: Atletico Bilbao won the Spanish Cup Final here tonight, beating Elche 1-0. Centre-forward Antonio Arieta scored the winning goal in the 82nd minute. A crowd of 120,000 watched the match, played at the Bernabeau Stadium.

SALISBURY: Two players, one from each side, were sent off during Clyde's 4-1 win over a Rhodesia XI here today. Sam Hastings (Clyde) and Alan Knowles (Rhodesia) were ordered off after clashing in a second-half incident. Billy Hulston got a hat-trick for Clyde with Millar Hay scoring the other goal. Hylton Rainger scored for Rhodesia with all the goals coming in the first half.

SOFIA: Bulgaria maintained their 100 per cent record in Group 8 of the World Cup with a 4-1 qualifying round victory over Poland here today. A crowd of 45,000 saw Bonev (23) and Dermendjiev (24) put Bulgaria ahead. Deyna (26) hit back for Poland but Penev (72) and Asparoukhov (88) added further goals after the interval.

COPENHAGEN: Denmark beat Hungary 3-2 after drawing 2-2 at half-time here today in a World Cup qualifying round match. La Fevre, O. Sorensen and O. Madsen scored for Denmark; Bene and Farkas netted for Hungary. Attendance: 30,600.

LONDON: Bobby Charlton was today awarded the OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. Harold Shepherdson, England and Middlesbrough trainer, was awarded the MBE. Both awards were greeted enthusiastically not only in the soccer world, but England in general.

JUNE 16

ZURICH: Tunisia has protested to FIFA over drawing lots to decide their replay against Morocco. FIFA said here today it had received a cable from Tunisia advising that a written protest would follow. The replay at Marseilles in France last Friday was decided by drawing lots when both sides finished in a 2-2 stalemate after extra time. FIFA said there was nothing in the official report of the replay to suggest that the match of the drawing of lots was not correctly carried out. The Tunisian cable gave no details and did not make clear whether Tunisia was protesting at actually deciding the replay by drawing of lots or against the conduct of the match, FIFA said.

EL SALVADOR: El Salvador beat Honduras 3-0 before 40,000 fans here tonight in the second elimination match of the Central American-Caribbean Zone of the World Cup. All El Salvador's goals were scored in the first half, two by Martinez and one by Acevedo. The two teams must now meet for a third time, on a neutral ground.

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WORLD SOCCER'S DATELINE DIARY

Newcastle United return home after their triumphant match in Budapest when they defeated Ujpest Dozsa 3-2 to win the Fairs' Cup Final on a 6-2 aggregate. (UPI)

ZURICH: FIFA said today it is still awaiting official notification of an International Olympic Committee (IOC) decision to cut back the number of finalist teams in team sports from 16 to eight. FIFA said it had received a letter from the Munich Organising Committee expressing astonishment at the IOC decision and asking FIFA what it intended doing about the matter regarding football. The IOC decision was reached over a week ago during the IOC annual meeting in Warsaw but despite a cabled request to the IOC headquarters in Lausanne for further information, FIFA had only press reports to go on so far. The decision is highly unpopular in football circles, including FIFA, but IOC decisions are usually without appeal.

RIO DE JANEIRO: 170,000 spectators saw Fluminese beat Flamengo 3-2 at the Maracana Stadium to become virtual champions of the Carioca League.

BOGOTA (Colombia): Deportivo Cali became the first club to qualify for next year's South American Club Champions Cup by winning the Colombian Opening Championship, the first of the two tournaments into which the Colombian season is divided. The winner of the second tournament will also qualify for the Cup and play Deportivo Cali for the national title.

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JUNE 19

OSLO: Sweden outplayed Norway to win their Group V World Cup qualifying round match 5-2 here tonight. Sweden took the lead after 20 minutes when outside-right Orjan Persson scored from close range. Six minutes later Leif Erikson, the outstanding player in tonight's match, received a long pass from Bo Larsson and hit the ball home from 20 yards. Ove Kindwall made it 3-0 after 35 minutes and Ove Grahn and Roland Grip completed the Swedish scoring with goals in the 47th and 49th minutes. Ola Dybwad Olsen got two back for the Norwegians in the 51st and 81st minutes but this was little consolation to the outclassed hosts. Their slow-moving defence proved no match for the Swedish forwards and goalkeeper Bjorn Olsen was at fault with at least two Swedish goals. Finn Seemann and Harald Berg, two professionals playing Dutch league soccer, were the only two home players to impress.

MILAN: Internationale Milan and Santos (Brazil) have agreed to play both their "Super Cup Final" matches in Italy, an Inter spokesman stated today. The first leg will be played here on June 24 and the return in Naples on September 10. In the event of a play-off, the decider will be played in Rome on September 17. The competition is for the former winners of the World Club Championship and Inter are the only European club to have won the title twice. Permission for Inter and Santos to take part in the cup has been granted by their respective national football associations, but the South Americans have not given the competition official recognition.

JUNE 20

BANGKOK: The touring FA team ended their triumphant tour with a 4-0 victory over a Combined Bangkok XI. Keith Weller, Norman Piper and Tony Hateley (2) scored to secure their eighth successive win.

SAO PAULO: Pelé may play for a Mexican team after the 1970 World Cup. Senhor Rene Squella Rivas, executive director of the leading local advertising agency *Ozzoms Publicidade* claimed here last night that Pelé had signed a first option with his company to play for a Mexican team after the World Cup next year. No confirmation was immediately available from Pelé, who in the past has been quoted as saying that he would never play for a non-Brazilian team. Three Mexican clubs have so far shown interest in contracting Pelé, Senhor Rivas said. He named the clubs as Nexaca and American, both of Mexico City, and the Guadalajara club. Under the terms of the option no firm commitments could be entered into until the end of the World Cup, he added. Senhor Rivas said no transfer fee was necessary as under Brazilian law any football player who has played for the same club for over ten years and is over 30 years of age is free to leave without any payment being involved. Pelé has been with Santos for 15 years and will be 30 on October 27 next year.

JUNE 21

SANTOS: Pelé, the soccer idol of Brazil, today denied reports that he might play for a Mexican team next year. Said Pelé: "I don't remember having signed any contract at all, although I have been talking with some people." Pelé reaffirmed past statements that he would never play for a non-Brazilian team. "I am not even thinking about it," he said.

MILAN: Heriberto Herrera, crack Paraguayan trainer of Juventus, will move to Internationale Milan next week. Inter officials said today that the agreement would be signed next Tuesday. Juventus, under five years' rigid rule by Herrera, won the Italian Cup in 1965 and the first division championship in 1966. Before moving to Italy, Herrera was trainer to Elche in Spain.

Soviet players Zinchenko (white shirt) and Yevtushkhin during a representative match. (UPI)

Finland gained a shock 2-0 victory over Spain in a World Cup qualifying round match in Helsinki. Grosse of Spain evades a tackle by Nummelin. The other Finn is Rauno Saviomaa. (UPI)

A severe disciplinarian, he has the tough job of restoring the prestige of Inter after the team slipped to 14th place in the first division last season under the leadership of Italian coach Alfredo Foni.

JUNE 22

LISBON: Benfica today won the Portuguese Cup with a narrow 2-1 win over Academica after extra time. The victory clinched a league and cup double for Benfica. Benfica came within five minutes of losing the final. Academica scored first when centre-forward Manuel Atonio hammered the ball into the net after 80 minutes. But Eusebio hit back five minutes before full-time with a fierce free-kick that goalkeeper Vegas pushed out to Simoes, who promptly scored. Eusebio, although suffering from a slight injury, won the match with a header in the third minute of extra time. For Benfica it was their 13th cup victory. A crowd of 60,000 watched the final, played in the National Stadium.

JUNE 24

ZURICH: A major row was brewing today between FIFA and the International Olympic Committee (IOC) over the decision to restrict the number of countries competing in the final stages of Olympic team events to eight. FIFA today insisted it had not been consulted on the decision to reduce the number from 16 to eight. It demanded that the matter should be referred to the Munich Organising Committee for the 1972 games.

MILAN: Santos won the first leg of their "Super Cup" final against Inter Milan by 1-0 here tonight with a simple 57th minute goal from inside-right Toninho. Only a superb display by 18-year-old Inter goalkeeper Ivano Bordon, brought into Inter's team at the last minute from the junior side, saved the former Italian champions from a bigger defeat.

JUNE 26

HELSINKI: First-half goals by Tommy Lindholm and Arte Tolsa earned Finland a shock 2-0 victory over Spain in a World Cup qualifying round match here today. Belgium has already won Group VI.

COPENHAGEN: A 61st minute goal by inside-left Eklund gave Sweden a 1-0 victory over Denmark in an international before a 50,200 crowd here today.

ANKARA: All-night riots, touched off by clashes between rival soccer fans, claimed at least three dead and 55 injured at Kirikkale, 50 miles east of here, official sources reported today. Order was restored in the streets early this morning after fighting broke out last night at third division match between Kirikkale and Idmanyurdu, a team from Tarsus on the Mediterranean coast. Shots were fired during the match, which ended in a 1-1 draw, and troops with fixed bayonets were called in at the end to protect

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Tarsus fans huddled in the middle of the pitch. Kirikkale supporters set fire to the visiting fans' 15 buses in a rampage through the streets and the Tarsus team and followers had to hire transport to leave in the morning. The trainer of the Kirikkale team said today: "Whenever they send riot police to a game there is invariably trouble. The people have a strong alergy to the riot police."

The Executive of the Republic's Peoples Party, the main opposition party, today accused the government and the Prime Minister personally of provoking the trouble by posting large numbers of riot police at the match. Prime Minister Suleyman Demirel recently took over the additional duties of Minister in Charge of Sports Affairs. The force of 650 riot police today moved out of Kirikkale. The Governor of Ankara, Mr. O. Bozkurt said the police had done no more than their duty.

SAO PAULO: Brazilian soccer wizard Pelé, 28, was under sentence of death here today. But his millions of fans were not worried . . . because the death sentence applies only to his role in a television adventure serial. Pelé, playing the part of a detective story writer in "Os Estranhos" (The Strange Ones) has to be "killed off" to release him from television commitments during an intensive period of training by the Brazilian national football selection beginning today and the World Cup eliminatory games with Colombia, Paraguay and Venezuela next month. How he will "die" is being kept a close secret. But a new television serial is already being planned for Pelé. His next role will be that of a national hero, which, of course, he already is.

JUNE 27

MEXICO CITY: El Salvador today beat Honduras 3-2 in a play-off match to decide the victors of their World Cup group. The match, played before a crowd limited to 20,000 by police fearing riots, was at the Aztec Stadium.

JUNE 29

FOGGIA: First Division Roma won the Italian Cup here today when they beat Second Division Foggia by three goals to one. The match was the last of a four-team tournament played on a league basis.

SAN SALVADOR: El Salvador and Honduras have accepted an offer by their three Central American Common Market partners to mediate in their conflict over treatment of El Salvador in Honduras. Foreign Ministers of the three—Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Guatemala—flew here today. Their mediation offer was accepted late in the afternoon. The two countries broke off

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Danes upset Hungarians

by LESLIE VERNON

FAILURE follows success in Hungarian football with the inevitability of night following day! After the much-lauded victory over Czechoslovakia, the national team travelled to Dublin and Copenhagen to collect World Cup points, which were theoretically safe even before a ball was kicked in earnest.

I travelled up to Dublin to see these potential world champions (?) in action, and to spend a couple of days in the company of the players, team manager Soos and the visiting journalists. It was a worthwhile journey, because it gave me an excellent opportunity to observe how a presumably great football power can disintegrate by accepting false values and pursuing outdated policies.

The preparations for the Irish match were not quite as smooth as they should have been. The Ferencvaros defender, Pancsics, was left behind because of a rib injury, while his club colleague, Juhasz, was still serving his Olympic suspension. Karoly Soos, an outstanding coach, but a pessimist by nature—not a commendable attribute in a manager—decided to bring in Zambo as a midfield player instead of E. Dunai, and to give young Kozma his first cap on the left wing.

He told us during an impromptu press conference that Hungary will not use a "spearhead" or "wedge" as they call it, but will play with five forwards! Gorocs with the No. 9 on his back will be an "imitation Hidegkuti" (a withdrawn centre-forward) strongly assisted by the hard-tackling, industrious Zambo and Szucs. The former of these two was put on the right flank with the special duty of trying to "draw" a man away from Albert, so that "Flori" would have some space for his individual spectaculars.

The badly selected Rep. of Ireland team, with poor old Charlie Hurley like a fish out of water at centre-forward, started very badly — they were clearly overwrought by the occasion. The Hungarians enjoyed the sunshine and played about with a marked lack of urgency. Facing a team equal to Darlington on a bad day, they should have piled up the goals, but all they had to show for their immense superiority was a solitary score by A. Dunai.

Hurley sent himself off at half-time. His replacement, O'Neill, brought the traditional Irish fervour into the game, and suddenly the green-shirted home team started to perform like an international side should. This unexpected (?) change of mood caught the Magyars unawares, and the defenders committed elementary mistakes. Following a Meszoly blunder, Givens equalised, and now the Irishmen had the upper hand. Kozma, who had a satisfactory baptism, was called off for Farkas, and miraculously and undeservedly, this substitution resulted in the winning Hungarian goal. Farkas beat his full-back on the left, his centre cleared the defence, and outside-right Ferenc Bene scored a really fantastic goal from an impossible angle.

BENE of Hungary

So Hungary staggered home 2-1 in a match they should have sewn up by half-time. The atmosphere in the coach taking us back to the hotel was quite happy. "After all, we have won —two points are two points!"

But on reflection, this was a shabby victory. A team of world-class players should not have had any difficulty defeating an ill-prepared outfit selected mainly from the Second Division and the Irish League.

In my view, the Hungarians were over-confident. The defence was uncertain under the slightest pressure, the midfield build-up slow and over-elaborate, and the forwards were much too reluctant to change positions to create space for each other—in short—to play off the ball! Individually, Kaposzta and Szucs were adequate, Zambo and Gorocs just about above average, and Bene truly excellent—the man of the match. I was greatly disappointed in Antal Dunai, who is a rather clumsy player, although quite effective. Albert was only a shadow of the great player we all like to remember. Mulligan (who is he?) had him in his pocket all through the match—perhaps he did not know that he was supposed to be drawn away by Zambo?

The trouble with these tactical plans is that the opposition does not always conform—most unsporting! I am not being sarcastic at the expense of the Irish, but it is typical of the current thinking, that a player is given the specific job of helping "King" Albert! Should not last year's European Footballer of the Year be good enough to get past his shadow without any extra assistance? This is only a small point, but this molly-coddling of the stars is one of the diseases that is killing Hungarian football.

Some others are the already-mentioned over-confidence, reluctance to train properly, lack of discipline in the players' private lives, and insufficient attention and care concerning younger players.

J. Hansen, manager of the Danish national team, was smiling contentedly in the foyer of the Dublin hotel. "I hope the Hungarians will play just like that next week against us," he said to me! I assured him that they had learned their lesson and would be much keener! I was completely wrong!

Although Soos made some changes, the overall pattern remained the same. O. Sorensen scored after four minutes, and Bene equalised luckily (seven minutes) when goalkeeper Engedahl let a centre slip through his fingers. Le Fevre and Farkas completed the scoring in the first half, but tragically, the Hungarians lost Albert and A. Dunai due to serious muscle injuries. E. Dunai and Zambo substituted for them, but the entire team played atrociously without any will-power, discipline or purpose. The 34-year-old ex-pro, Madsen, got the winning goal, and for the first time in history, Denmark beat Hungary in a full international (3-2).

Now, Hungary must not lose in Prague next September, otherwise, "Adieu Mexico!"

In between these shattering events, Ujpesti Dozsa managed to come second in the Fairs Cup, surprising even the most optimistic Newcastle supporters with their below-par displays. The second half of the first leg was an utter disaster—Solymosi "lost" Wyn Davies, whose headed passes resulted in three Geordie goals. Joe Harvey celebrated his 50th birthday on the day of the return leg (June 11) in Budapest. He had a happier day than the Czech boss, Marko, who, as you might remember, was 45 on the day his team lost against Hungary. Dozsa were two goals up after 45 minutes' play (Bene, Gorocs), but the English team got a lucky goal just after the break, and the Baroti boys folded up. In the end, Newcastle won the Fairs Cup on a 6-2 aggregate.

A great achievement, but the exaggerated claim that "Dozsa is one of Europe's best club sides", was made to look foolish.

Two days after the Copenhagen fiasco, Messrs. Farkas and Meszoly decided that the best way to forget is through drinking. Consequently, they went on a Hungarian version of a pub-crawl and as it was on the night before their club's cup-tie (lost against a Third Division team, Volan!) it was a rather unwise thing to do.

For once the Vasas management refused to turn a blind eye or hush things up—they suspended the players and announced the reason for the punishment to the press.

The spoiled stars felt let down by the club and stated that they do not wish to play for Vasas in the future—they wanted a transfer! Where?—I wonder.

The whole sordid affair is typical of present-day Hungarian football. In any case, Albert is out of the game with a bad injury, for months. A. Dunai won't be able to play for weeks, Meszoly and Farkas are in the wilderness — at least for the present. Where do we go from here?

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GYLMAR IS A LEGEND

World Diary by ROGER MACDONALD

BRAZIL, indeed, remain England's greatest stumbling block. In seven meetings since 1956, England have won only once, and lost on four occasions in South America.

One man has played in every match—a goalkeeper called Gylmar, and the latest appearance in Rio de Janeiro was his hundredth and last international match. Even at 39, he is already a legend—claiming the remarkable record of having stopped no less than ten penalties in internationals.

Even a great team is only as great as its goalkeeper. Which is why Brazil were so fortunate in 1958 and 1962, when they won the World Cup twice in succession, to find someone as reliable and yet so acrobatically brilliant as Gylmar. Even with players like Pelé, Didi and Garrincha, Brazil were never so much better than any of their opponents that they could afford to neglect defence. But when they did neglect it, they had in Gylmar a goalkeeper who could be left to his own devices, who could demoralise the opposition with a save no one had any right to make.

Gylmar was born Dos Santos Neves at Santos, the great port of Sao Paulo, on August 22, 1930. He was the son of a shopkeeper, and the only outstanding memory of his younger years was his capacity for playing truant. For whenever the occasion presented itself, Gylmar could be found on Brazil's great sprawling beaches, kicking a football around in the sand.

For Gylmar, becoming a goalkeeper was never an accident. True, because he was smaller than many of his friends, he was first put between the inevitable two piles of coats to be out of harm's way; but it soon became evident that Gylmar was a natural. He had astonishing reflexes, long, rather gangling arms, and the sort of spring-heeled agility that got his whole body off the ground and behind the ball.

With active help from his parents, who were keen football fans, Gylmar worked his way through junior football in the late '40s. He suffered a broken arm in one, rather irregular match, and lost confidence for a time; but the encouragement of his family helped him to regain it. At the age of 18 he had two trials for Corinthians, whose ground was close to his father's shop—within a stone's throw, for someone really good at throwing stones. There were two trials, because at the first Gylmar was terribly nervous and did not do himself justice; it was only because of his father's influence among the club officials that he got a second chance. And Gylmar took it, playing a whole half in Corinthians' second team, against the first-team forward line: who, try as they did, could not score a goal.

Gylmar became a regular first-team player at the age of 20, at a time when Barbosa, a black gymnast with astonishing reach and agility, was in the international side. Although Brazil lost the World Cup final to Uruguay, it was certainly not Barbosa's fault; indeed but for his phenomenal saves the brilliant but erratic Brazilians might have been eliminated at a much earlier stage. But this was Barbosa's swansong, and as his talents declined with advancing years, Brazil began to look around for another goalkeeper. Gylmar had modelled his style on Barbosa, and it was he who was chosen to succeed him, after a chance appearance in the 1953 South American championships.

In Lima, where Peru acted as hosts, Gylmar got his chance against Bolivia—coming on in place of Castilho at half-time. He saved a penalty in the second period, and kept his place for the next match.

But Gylmar was still an erratic star. Brazil lost the title they had held since 1949 to Paraguay, and it was goalkeeping errors which did most to push them into second place. As Brazil were actually playing Paraguay for a place in the 1954 World Cup, clearly something drastic had to be done. The selectors decided to make several changes, and one of them involved Gylmar. His place in goal was taken once again by Castilho, less excitingly brilliant, but remarkably cool in a crisis.

Brazil duly qualified for the finals in Switzerland, finding their best form at a time when Paraguay were below their best, and Castilho kept his place. Gylmar went with the party as a reserve, but he had little prospect of playing, especially after he hurt his left hand in an accident during training. Castilho played against Mexico, Yugoslavia and Hungary—the infamous quarter-final at Berne which rolled along just on the right side of a riot. Brazil were beaten 4-2, and Castilho spent more time calming his team-mates than stopping shots at goal.

Brazil had to rebuild again, and on their next visit to Europe, a protracted tour in the summer of 1956, Gylmar finally established himself as first-choice goalkeeper. He did it in the most spectacular way possible, for though Brazil were beaten, decisively, by Italy and England, they had a good tour with Gylmar making a series of sensational saves. Perhaps the most sensational of all were his three penalty stops, the first against Portugal in Lisbon, when he punched away a shot from Mendes so hard that it cleared the corner flag. Then, with England leading by four goals to two at Wembley in a widely fluctuating match, he saved two more; in each instance the kickers, Atyeo and Byrne, were put off by the fierce arguments following the referee's decision, and put their shot too close to the goalkeeper—but Gylmar got down to the ball like lightning.

A banana-shot free-kick by Didi won Brazil a place in the 1958 World Cup finals at the expense of Peru, who in retrospect were probably the second best team in South America at the time. And although Brazil's attack was still waiting for the arrival of Pelé and Garrincha, the defence was more or less settled. Gylmar in goal (Castilho had now assumed the reserve position, with the 1954 roles reversed); Nilton and Djalma Santos at full-back; Bellini and Orlando in the centre. That it was a formidable defensive line-up could be seen by the statistics: in eight games before the World Cup, Brazil conceded just two goals—a shot by a Chilean deflected significantly by Bellini, and a penalty kick in Peru. Gylmar was playing as though he could never be beaten by an orthodox attempt at goal.

There is nothing Gylmar, playing in his 100th full international for Brazil, can do to prevent Colin Bell scoring for England. (UPI)

So it seemed in Sweden, where Brazil reached the semi-finals by beating Austria 3-0, drawing 0-0 with England, beating Russia 2-0 and Wales 1-0. Only England really looked like scoring against them, with two shots by Haynes early on that Gylmar turned away with flailing arms, and a ground-hugging drive through a crowd of players which Gylmar saw at the last possible moment and got down to just in time. Indeed, though the England goalkeeper, Colin McDonald, attracted attention by his own splendid saves, these were all regular responses to the Brazilian pressure. Gylmar was left a disinterested spectator for long periods, and his saves were made "cold", in isolated counter-attacks—the sign of a truly great goalkeeper.

In all, Gylmar's record lasted 369 minutes —Banks was to do better for England four years later—and it was the famous French striker, Just Fontaine, who finally beat him after a superb inter-passing movement with Kopa. This put France on level terms, and Brazil might have been pushed to win the semi-final but for an injury to the French centre-half, Jonquet, which disorganised the defence. As it was, Brazil scored another four goals, and the second French score, by Piantoni, came eight minutes from time—much too late to matter.

Remarkable

Then, in the final on June 29 at Stockholm, Brazil were at last faced with the one unanswered question: how would they respond if once behind? For Sweden scored after only four minutes, a remarkable goal which came from seven laborious passes, leaving five defenders between Gylmar and the man in possession, Liedholm. There seemed no chance of a score, but Liedholm stroked the ball inside two players and outside another, then, seeing Gylmar caught napping and slightly out of position, shot sweetly into the bottom corner of the net.

But Brazil responded brilliantly and with Garrincha and Pelé absorbing all the delicate approach work of Didi, soon led 4-1. Only then did the Brazilian defence again take risks, one leading to a goal by Simonsson, who ran on to a pass from Liedholm and gave Gylmar no chance at all. Brazil had a second fright when Hamrin robbed Bellini, but Gylmar advanced so quickly that Hamrin was forced to shoot from too acute an angle, and hit the side netting.

An immaculate header by Pelé settled the match, and Brazil ran around on a lap of honour, with Gylmar and Bellini holding a vast blue and yellow flag of Sweden—a neat gesture which brought warm response from the Stockholm crowd. The King of Sweden, Gustav Adolf, came down to shake the hands of each Brazilian player. The excitement was too much for some of the Brazilians, and Gylmar, who had kept goal with granite calm throughout the competition, broke down completely and was taken off the field weeping on the shoulder of an official.

Brazil were again beaten in the South American championships—this time, less unexpectedly, in the final by Argentina at Buenos Aires—and once again chopped and changed their team. Gylmar was dropped, and went through a poor spell in club football. He made a number of mistakes, and Corinthians even put him in the reserves.

GYLMAR of Brazil. (A)

Gylmar's apparent decline, and a dispute with his club over bonuses, explains why Corinthians were prepared to sell him, in the 1961 close season, to Santos for barely £1,000. Santos had always been short of a good goalkeeper, and had made approaches to Corinthians in the past ... but always met with a cool response. This time Corinthians felt that Gylmar had, at 31, outlived his usefulness.

Their mistake was soon made apparent. Gylmar played magnificently in the Pedrosa Gomez tournament, a combined super-championship involving clubs from Rio and Sao Paulo—and in particular against Corinthians, whom Santos beat with ten men after Gylmar had saved a penalty kick.

Brazil no longer had any misgivings about playing him in the national side. In fact, after a number of fruitless experiments, they went back almost to the team that won in 1958. Only Orlando, who was playing abroad, and Bellini, pressing Mauro for a place up to the very last moment, were omitted.

Effective

The Brazilians started well enough, beating Mexico and drawing 0-0 with Czechoslovakia, in spite of losing the effective services of Pelé in the middle of the match. Only once was Gylmar seriously troubled. When Masopust hit the ball perfectly from 35 yards, the goalkeeper mistimed his leap, and his deflection barely cleared the far post.

Gylmar was not to blame when Spain took the lead after 35 minutes of the third game in their group. The Brazilians had clearly been shaken by the probable loss of Pelé for the rest of the competition, and two defensive slips allowed Puskas to touch a fine ball through to Adelardo. Gylmar was easily beaten from 20 yards, but with so many defenders around the goal he could not have seen the shot until the last possible moment. Brazil escaped defeat only in the last quarter of an hour, when Amarildo, Pelé's deputy, scored two fine goals.

They were never in much trouble against England in the quarter-finals, even though England were level at one time and Gylmar only reached one shot from Greaves with his fingertips. Brazil eventually won 3-1, with Garrincha in magnificent form, and disposed of Chile in the semi-finals. Gylmar again looked a little suspect against long-range shooting, for Jorge Toro hit one shot which he just brushed over the bar, then scored with a free-kick bent round the Brazilian wall. But Gylmar was fortunate in this competition in that his errors never proved critical—a point underlined in the final where the mistakes of the Czech goalkeeper, Schroiff, cost his team the game.

After Chile, Brazil decided to write off most of their World Cup-winning team. Almost everyone except Gylmar who, when Brazil went on a protracted tour, appeared in at least part of all 13 matches—and played brilliantly in some of them, particularly against England at Wembley with the pressure on.

But Brazil were beaten heavily at home by Argentina in the four-nation tournament the following summer, and this time even Gylmar was not sacrosanct. The new goalkeeper was Manga, an acrobat, certainly, a prodigy, certainly, but of critically uncertain temperament. When the time came for Brazil to defend their title they had third or fourth thoughts, and Gylmar was back, at 35 years of age, to face Bulgaria and Hungary.

Bulgaria gave Gylmar little to do, but Hungary's first goal, scored by Bene, was partly Gylmar's fault—he relied too much on Bellini's powers of interception and moved much too late off his line. It was no good for him to make splendid saves from Farkas and Bene—turning the ball over the bar in mid-air—for Hungary, and Albert in particular, had won the initiative. But the goals that beat him were quite unstoppable. First a volley by Farkas, from Bene's centre, this a shot that had to be seen to be believed, so devastatingly was it struck, then a penalty by Meszoly.

That Manga should replace Gylmar seemed inevitable; and that Manga should play lamentably against Portugal seemed equally certain even before it happened. Brazil's great strength at goalkeeper, the enduring qualities of Gylmar, ultimately proved their greatest weakness. By playing Gylmar so frequently, they gave themselves no real opportunity to discover his successor. Even now, after Gylmar's retirement, Brazil lack a goalkeeper of real stature. Without Gylmar, Brazil might never have won the World Cup; their problem today is to replace the irreplaceable.

As AC Milan walked away with the European Cup, finding their best form on a day when Ajax Amsterdam discovered their very worst, there will be two Italian clubs in the competition next season. And what the new Italian champions lack in experience, they make up in skill and spirit.

Fiorentina last won the championship in 1955-56, in the days of Julinho, whom many regarded as a superior to the much

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TRADE follows the flag; or words to that effect. The £20,000-a-year offer made by Juventus to Malcolm Allison emphasised just how much difference the winning of the 1966 World Cup made to the prestige of British football, and how much of that prestige will be lost if the World Cup is lost in Mexico next year. For British managers have been out of favour in European football for years. In the late '40s and throughout the '50s, Jesse Carver could find himself an Italian club at will; he managed at various times Juventus themselves, Torino, Roma, Lazio, Internazionale and Genoa, not to mention Marzotto. But with Sir Alf Ramsey, to whom the success of the England team means more than any sum of money, refusing to leave this island, there hasn't been an English coach in Italy for years.

by BRIAN GLANVILLE

MALCOLM ALLISON.

Some months ago, Bilbao tried to sign Tommy Docherty as their coach, but Docherty, after at first apparently agreeing, changed his mind and went to Aston Villa instead. But the Spanish club, rather surprisingly, had set their heart on a British manager, even if it was not Docherty, and they acquired, in his stead, Ronnie Allen, formerly the manager of Wolves—and by no means a wholly unsuccessful one.

Allison was an interesting choice on Juventus's part. As one who has known him for many years and was always impressed not only by his serious and original interest in tactics and training, but in the way he followed foreign football at a time when few other players and coaches seemed interested, I was fascinated by the situation. Allison, though he says jokingly, "I'm a Northerner!" is in fact a Cockney of Cockneys, a coach, moreover, who seems to be one of those who do their best work when flanked by a sympathetic and mature manager. Quite how Italian players would respond to Allison's draconian training programmes was another intriguing speculation. I remember John Hansen telling me, in Florence in 1951, that the Juventus players found their training too hard under Carver. "My face was like that!" he complained, pinching his cheeks. But if Carver was an exigent taskmaster, Allison, who used Derek Ibbotson to help him prepare his men, was immeasurably more demanding. The size of the weights the City players lifted were, on their own, enough to raise one's eyebrows, and one's admiration.

FORMIDABLE

At Manchester United, meanwhile, the team is entering the McGuinness era. I am among those who feel that the choice, and the way it has been implemented, were thoroughly sensible, and have at least a reasonable chance of success.

In the first place, I was shocked at the prospect that Sir Matt Busby, at the very early age of 59, should be lost to Manchester United entirely. In the second, I have always maintained that for all Busby's formidable and undeniable merits, United have needed someone to occupy himself with tactics, coaching and training.

Under Busby, United have long pursued what I have described elsewhere as The Politics of Brilliance. He has followed, that is to say, a pattern of *laissez faire* which has often worked splendidly, when his stars were all sparking at once on all four cylinders. Unfortunately, it could fall to the ground when Bobby Charlton, as he did in Milan, Best, as he did in Buenos Aires, or Denis Law, as he has so often done over the past year, fell short not only of what was expected, but what was perfectly vital to the success of the team. Busby may perhaps be seen as the last and one of the greatest of the old school of managers, over which towers the figure of Herbert Chapman. In certain respects Busby was more modern than Chapman, being, in his earlier years, ready and happy to put on a tracksuit and go out to train with his players. He is also,

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HOW WOULD ITALIAN PLAYERS REACT TO ALLISON . . . ?

without doubt, a remarkably adaptable man. But football and its ways have changed so much during the past ten years that no man who had succeeded under one dispensation could hope to be entirely successful under the other; he needed help, and help is what Busby should get from McGuinness.

To those who say that McGuinness has been put into an invidious position, not even being confirmed as team manager, that he will be overshadowed and, by implication, sometimes frustrated, by Busby, I would ask them what alternative they would propose? An established manager, such as Noel Cantwell of Coventry City, who was well fancied at one time for the job, or a highly experienced, weathered coach such as Jimmy Adamson, of Burnley, would find the task of co-existing with as dominating a figure as Busby almost impossible.

This is not to say that McGuinness isn't a forceful and energetic coach, but as one who grew up both as coach and player under Busby, there is nothing invidious or humiliating for him in occupying, for a time, an important but secondary position. Busby will still be the Chapmanesque Father Figure. McGuinness, one hopes, will give a little more organisation and direction to that pool of ebullient talent which United represent. His greatest problem, one imagines, is that he will be dealing with his contemporaries to such an extent, with men who knew him as a junior, let alone as a First Division player. It would be foolish to pretend that his position is anything but a difficult one, yet I hope I have said enough to show that it is one of high promise.

YOUTH SCHEME

Outside San Siro Stadium, on the occasion of the recent Milan v. Manchester United match, I had a pleasant reunion with Luciano Tessari, the former Roma goalkeeper who now makes such a splendid job of running Milan's remarkable youth scheme, out at Milanello.

A little wry and wistful, he told me that in one of the games against Celtic, he had six of his old players on the field. He seemed to feel, as all junior coaches must sometimes feel, that they are simply making bullets for other people to fire; or, if you prefer it, building boats for other people to launch.

The latest of Tessari's extraordinary succession of young stars is the tall, powerful Maldera, one of three footballing brothers, a player so dominant in the air, so adept at goal-line clearances, that he must surely have a chance of joining Anquilletti in Italy's World Cup defence. Maldera's family comes originally from the South, from the province of Bari. A somewhat pedantic schoolmaster was moved to write to Milan's official magazine to protest that ignorant commentators were pronouncing the name wrong; it should be MAL-der, not Mal-DERA. So, all innocent and unwitting, I started to pronounce the name correctly from that moment; only to discover that not a single Italian journalist I met called it anything but Mal-DERA. You can't, as they say, win.

ANQUILLETTI of AC Milan.

ENDLESS

One more chapter in the endless, and endlessly vexing, saga of the Greater London Council football grounds; and the rest. Having had his first question in the House of Commons bureaucratically deflected, that admirable crusader Mr. Philip Noel-Baker pressed on, and received a letter from Mr. Arthur Skeffington, at the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, telling him that since all such facilities were paid for and subsidised by local councils out of the rates, the Prices and Incomes Board had no jurisdiction in the area.

Back, it appears, to square one, though Mr. Skeffington seemed a little ingenuous when he implied that fees had not gone up since the building of new dressing-room blocks in such places as Wormwood Scrubs. In fact, they did go up; to 16s., and have now gone up, if I may repeat the depressing and abominable fact, to 35s.

Granted, as Mr. Skeffington inevitably pointed out, that labour and whatever now cost more, a rise of more than 100% remains a monstrosity. Moreover, he is teaching his grandmother to suck eggs when he says that these sports facilities are subsidised. What isn't, nowadays? It is surely and simply a question of deciding where your subsidy does most good. As a Sunday footballer who is obliged to pay a pretty extortionate rate on his London house, I would say that to subsidise sports grounds at a time of widespread juvenile violence is sheer bourgeois insurance. I don't see what the ratepayers are ultimately gaining by cutting down on the use of such an excellent potential safety-valve.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

G. BROWNE—Washington Darts.

by COLIN JOSE

THE American Soccer League, the oldest professional soccer league in North America, has approached its opposite number, the North American Soccer League, with a view to playing a post-season game between the two league champions to decide the professional soccer championship of the United States.

A letter was sent by ASL president Charles Schiano to Phil Woosnam, executive director of the NASL, attempting to set up the contest. At the time of writing, no reply had been received. To date all attempts by ASL clubs to arrange games with clubs in the NASL have resulted in failure.

At the same time the American Soccer League announced that in order to determine its own champions the winner of the Northern Division will meet the winner of the Southern Division in a two-game total goal series. Currently the Washington Darts lead the Southern Division and the Rochester Lancers the Northern. The NASL season has only just got under way after the International Cup competition (for which five British teams competed) was concluded.

After the meagre attendances at most games in the International Cup, Phil Woosnam has announced that this idea will be scrapped next season, and in its place "American soccer fans will see their own stars playing against some of the world's best in 1970".

Woosnam also stated that "the NASL intends to expand to possibly six and certainly not more than eight clubs".

These announcements were made after the former Welsh international returned to Atlanta from a league meeting in Dallas; he also talked of the problems that had faced the league in the past and commented: "Previously, the problems of starting, then merger and then indecision, forced soccer into last-minute planning, thus losing the opportunity to stabilise and work through the off-season, now we have reached a great level of unanimity of opinion among the majority of clubs."

Woosnam's statement continued: "The International Cup format achieved what it largely set out to do ... to bring back the league to a level of activity after a winter of doubt and our clubs now seem to be in a position to achieve their projected financial state with losses far, far lower than in previous years.

"But it is evident that the soccer fans want to see their own players, their own idols in action—not only against each other, but against fine opponents from the rest of the world.

"That is what we have decided to give them and the owners have gone away to work on the alternates for the best pro format for 1970 and the following years.

"Just as important, we are going deeply into the ways to develop this game which has grown in participation by some 300 per cent in two years, according to figures from a national survey we are just completing.

"So the league is now pondering over the complete package for future years, involving development, television, sponsorship and professionalism."

According to the NASL survey the following facts emerge: An increase of 8,000 boys playing soccer in Metro Washington DC since 1965.... Florida youth soccer has grown by over 500 per cent.... Each year for the past three years about 230 high schools have added soccer as a varsity sport ... over 6,000 boys play junior soccer in the Seattle area ... the Kansas City Spurs have conducted clinics for over 55,000 students, plus a number of less dramatic examples.

The highly optimistic Mr. Woosnam states that: "Growth patterns coming out of our national survey show that 90 per cent of the colleges and high schools in the country will be playing soccer by the mid-1970s. Already the growth is such that soccer is becoming part of the American way of life, although not necessarily by taking anything from any of the other established sports." He added: "I expect the United States to be strong enough in soccer to hold the 1978 or 1982 World Cup championships."

While I sincerely hope that the NASL's executive director is right and I am wrong, I do not share his optimism. Many, many years of very hard work will be required to make soccer a major sport in North America for it is still very largely an un-American activity. The fact that so many schools and colleges are taking up the game is encouraging; however, there is a great deal more to it than this, and the crucial time will come when these boys leave their studies behind. Will they then continue to be interested in soccer, and attend games, and help coach teams, and run leagues or will they turn to football or baseball as they have done in the past?

One activity still being almost completely ignored is public relations. After almost three years of soccer promotion on a large scale (in comparison to what had gone before) the US news media is still no nearer to being tuned in to the game, and neither the NASL or the ASL has been able to do anything about it.

As a result boys playing soccer at school still have no idol to imitate and no connection with the game. Recently I stood on

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more famous Garrincha, and Montuori, an Argentinian who had played a lot in Chilean football. (They also had a centre-forward called Virgili, who became my friend for life when I gave him some cowboy comics, his great obsession, but that is by the way.) But the team was best known for its prodigious defence, which was largely responsible for their run in the European Cup—they lost 2-0 to Real Madrid in the final.

Afterwards, Fiorentina went into a slump, and could not really afford to buy their way out of mediocrity. Their president, Baglini, a wily old businessman from Milan, had no intention of bankrupting his printing business for the sake of a football club. In fact since Baglini took over, Fiorentina have reduced their overdraft by four-fifths to about £150,000.

Baglini only splashed out on players when it was a case of putting the icing on the cake, not of making the cake itself. He bought Amarildo, who once replaced Pelé so well in the World Cup, from Milan in 1967; then De Sisti from Roma. And in the last four years De Sisti has become the motor of the team, a brilliant player in midfield, as important to Fiorentina as Rivera is to AC Milan.

Fiorentina's president recalls how, ironically, the *tifosi* wanted him to resign at the beginning of the season. He had transferred two internationals, goalkeeper Albertosi to Cagliari, and wing-half Bertini to Inter-Milan, and all it seemed he had to show for

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a close season auction was the Cagliari forward, Rizzo. But Baglini calmly hired a new coach, the former (and fired) Neapolitan manager, Pesaola, and brought in some reserves—Superchi, in goal; Chiarugi, on the wing; Esposito, at wing-half, after a season in and out of the Naples team.

Fiorentina won the championship after a remarkable run of 25 games without defeat—and, even more remarkable, played 15 away matches without loss. The average age of the team is only 25: Superchi (aged 25); Rogora (31), Mancin (24); Esposito (21), Ferrante (24), Brizi (27); Chiarugi (22), Rizzo (26), Merlo (23), De Sisti (26), Amarildo (30).

Twelve players, you will notice. One of them will have to be left out. It will probably be Amarildo, beginning to slow up a little after the rigours of six years in Italy. Even the greatest talent wears thin in the jungle of *calcio*.

There will be no North Korea next time—the giant-killers of the 1966 World Cup have decided not to take part in the 1970 qualifying competition. The problems of reorganising their team, the geographical difficulties of playing in Israel, and the political obstacles were too much for even their implacable team manager, Yun Seung Chul. And the famous Hang Bong Jin retired last year, according, at least to the Pyongyang *Shinnoon*, which filters through to the West from time to time.

Who, then, will be the mighty minnows of Mexico, to anticipate the cliche? Perhaps Haiti, who have already surpassed even their wildest hopes by reaching the final of the Central American Group, by putting out the United States most emphatically.

In a sense the Haitians have taken a leaf out of the Koreans' notebook, by closeting their team away for ten months—although the atmosphere of a hotel in the most decadent suburb of Port-au-Prince hardly excludes wine, women and song *à la* Pyongyang.

All the Haitians are professionals: they get 200 dollars a month, all found, and their own clubs haven't seen them for the whole period. In terms of results, the *retiro* seems to have been most effective. Of 13 games played this year, Haiti have won eight, and three have been drawn.

The team is young—average age 25—and very fit, though almost unknown outside the region. Haiti have gone to the extremes of flying out a French Second Division footballer, Claude Legros, for each World Cup-tie, and then flying him back in time for Angouleme's next league match, but otherwise they rely on local players. Two of them, Guy Saint-Vil and Vorbe, appeared (rather ironically) in American football for a couple of seasons—Saint-Vil for Baltimore Bays and Vorbe for New York Generals.

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PAY DEAL ACCEPTED

Italian Newsletter
by CHRIS WEST

IT is nice to see that the Italian Soccer League, confronted with various threats of strike action, has agreed to raise minimum salaries for First and Second Division players.

Referring back to last month's Italian Newsletter, readers will realise that the figures mean little, but for the sake of the record the annual minimum wage for a First Division footballer has been increased from 2.4 million lire (£1,600) to 3.2 million lire (£2,133). The minimum for Second Division players has been raised from 1.8 million lire (£1,200) to 2.4 million lire (£1,600).

The league has also decided to cancel the rule under which clubs could cut a player's salary by 40% if he played in less than 16 league games during one season. The Players' Association warned recently that it would consider strike action unless the league acceded to their requests.

The actual salaries of Italian soccer stars are a closely-guarded secret but many are reported to earn more than ten times the official minimum wage. The Milan newspaper *Corriere Della Sera* estimated two years ago that the average pay of a First Division player was 10 million lire (£6,667) a year. It also stated that at least 15 players earned more than 30 million lire (£20,000) each.

It is also interesting to see that Italy, who have already started their build-up for the 1974 World Cup in Munich, have appointed Gigi Peronace, the agent who lured Denis Law and John Charles to Italian football, to manage an under-21 team that will tour England for ten days in July and August. The Italians are scheduled to play matches against Charlton, Sheffield Wednesday, Arsenal, Aston Villa and, not surprisingly, Luton.

Approached

I can now confirm that Alec Stock, ex-trainer of Roma, was one of the first British managers to be approached by Peronace, an old friend, after Alec left QPR. Apart from being old friends, Peronace and Stock are something of an unofficial "hot-line" between English and Italian football. I should love to be in that board-room at Luton with a tape-recorder, when Alec and Gigi get together. If I find out anything I'll let you know!

As predicted, Cagliari have turned down a bid of almost £900,000 made by Inter for leading goal scorer Riva. Riva is not listed by Cagliari as available, but rumour has it, and rumour is sometimes correct, that a new bid for £1½ million is now in the offing. Let's hope for the sake of reason, if nothing else, that Cagliari can hold on to him.

I recently received a short note signed by a group of local Italian *émigrés* who read my newsletter. One of their criticisms was that in every one I somehow manage to mention Juventus (not quite true): since they supported Roma, Napoli and Inter, they felt I might be "in the pay" of "La Juve". Considering the amount of criticism meted out by me to the Black and Whites, this last suggestion is ridiculous—they are more likely to have sued me for libel than to have put me in their pay!

Brian Glanville (whom I also mention and quote regularly in my newsletter . . . he doesn't pay me for it either!) has already made for me an adequate apologia: without having the same outstanding record, Juventus are, without doubt, the Manchester United of Italian football. Quite apart from their vast following, La Juve have their own magazine with a monthly circulation of about 100,000 on the open market, and they have about them an aura of glamour which, like that of United, is difficult to define, and yet can be claimed by few of the World's teams.

For various reasons I think Arthur Rotmil's comment that we are now, in the eyes of the world, Europe's most violent soccer nation with the worst type of hooligan amongst our fans, "with the Italians as probably the closest contenders when it comes to running amok in the soccer ground," — is a little unfair.

While Arthur's views are for the most part, proven, why does he not mention Turkey where, only last year, soccer fans started killing each other during a football match, or Greece and Cyprus where the knives are regularly out? I think Britain the freest, most liberal of the advanced countries in Western Europe, and now that football has become, after 18 years' of peace, even more of a "war transference", it is only our over-liberality, perhaps, that has allowed too much leeway to the gangs of "boy-men thugs" who regularly rip up trains, etc.

Mr. Rotmil is an experienced man who has watched soccer at all levels in most European countries. Like him I was ashamed when Cudicini of Milan was felled under a hail of missiles. But I think Mr. Rotmil over-sensitive in being affected by a French TV commentator's oblique criticism of the English sense of fair play. In spite of the rat race and the battle for the money, in spite of all that, I think, objectively and non-jingoistically I hope, that fair play is still a part of our football ethic as much as the Englishman's word being his bond is a part of our business ethic. For the rest, Mr. Rotmil is absolutely right.

We now find ourselves in the middle of that awful merry-go-round of annual transfers. Thank God that at midnight on July 10 the market at the Hotel Gallia closed for another season.

Battle Royal

At present a battle royal rages in Italy around the fate of Juliano and Zoff of Naples. The price on the head of Juliano, who is being bid for by Milan, Inter and Juventus, is a straight 800 million lire, and goalkeeper Zoff, whom Juventus wish to sign "at all costs", has a present market-quotation of 650 million lire.

While I would not like to prognosticate who the winning contenders for the body and soul of young Juliano will be, I must briefly return to this theme of behaviour on or off the field. Italian civil tradition, by comparison with British, is by no means liberal. For this reason young hooligans or left-wing anarchistic university students are quickly dealt with by the police (machine-guns, pistols, water cannons, the lot). One might even contend that there is no truly "Italian civil tradition". Something borne out by the fact that an Italian rarely describes himself as such, but always says he is a Neapolitan or a Florentine. He will shrug his shoulders and say "Yes, but you see I am not one of those 'Africani' (slang for southern Italians), I am Milanese."

All large Italian football teams have quasi-official supporters' clubs with their own magazines. These regional-cum-tribal groupings are not only exclusively male, but older and more "committed" than their British counterparts. Most members of the group are, of course, well-behaved. They have their weekly parties before and after the match, the selected few have access to players and directors, the latter being the first to realise the economic importance of their *tifosi*.

Certain members have titles (a title is much loved by the Italian) . . . such as "official flag carrier" or "vice-deputy social secretary". This kind of male bonding seems to be a normal part of human culture the world over, but within each group there will be the hot-heads and activists, those ringleaders of organised violence who are heroes to the group but wantonly destructive to those outside it.

It is for this reason that the nature of Italian hooliganism is so different to our own. Where the British vandal is for the most part young and disorganised, his Italian counterpart is almost without exception ten or fifteen years older, and an organised attacker.

When the police received an anonymous telephone call on June 19 from Naples supporters, saying that they would kill their President, Ferlaino, and blow up the Hotel Gallia if Juliano or Zoff were sold, the police took it seriously and ringed the hotel with armed police and barricades.

The week previous, some 1,000 Naples supporters had demonstrated outside the hotel, and their president already had police protection after their first threat to plant a bomb in his car.

Some of you will have read Manzoni's famous novel "The Betrothed"—"I Promessi Sposi", an epic account of a young couple's struggle to get married

LODETTI of Milan.

when all the dice are loaded against them. This is the title, "I Promessi Sposi", that the Italian Press have given to Zoff and Juventus.

Continuing comments made in my last newsletter regarding reforms which the Italian Football Federation have imposed upon the game, the latter are now, it seems, making their presence felt within the Hotel Gallia itself. In order to help them obey all the rules and regulations, the market negotiators have at their disposal a Milanese lawyer called Dott Ghiani who is a noted tax and finance expert, and also a specialist in company law. (Quite beside the point, but English readers might like to know — Dott Ghiani is also fluent in English and a subscriber to The Financial Times!)

Ivanoe Fraizzoli, who took over Inter and all its problems from Moratti last summer, is rebuilding with a vengeance. Inter has placed on the transfer market no less than seven of its first team players: Domenghini (28), Gori (23), Bedin (24), Landini (25), Jair (29), Vastola (31), and is set on the total re-fashioning of a team which has not yet got over the trauma of losing Helenio Herrera.

It has signed on Reif, centre-forward from Vicenza, Guarneri, full-back from Napoli, and L. Vieri the Turin goalkeeper (not to be confused with R. Vieri). Apart from Juliano, it is also in the market for Boninsegna, centre-forward of Cagliari.

More surprising, but coincidentally, Inter are in the market for the other Herrera, so summarily dismissed by Juventus. I had somewhat hastily reported in my last newsletter that Herrera was on his way to Spain with a view to training the national squad out there. This leads me to reiterate my forecast for next season—a return to the top for Inter and [see later], a brighter future for Roma.

Comment

As to other machinations on the transfer market, my comment about the lucky super-league teams with massive financial backing still holds. Whether Fiat and the Agnelli family had a hand in it or not, one can never know, but Juventus are absolutely determined to win back a top place, and have already spent more than £1 million in acquiring R. Vieri and Morini, the formidable defensive duo from Sampdoria, and Leonardi the fast Varese winger. A million pounds already and they are still bidding for Zoff, Juliano and Domenghini! Milan AC are hardly in this year's rat-race at all: with the exception of their counter-bid for Juliano, their only acquisition to date is Combin the Turin centre-forward, a redoubtable goal-scorer by Italian standards, who should fit excellently into the well-organised Milanese set-up.

It is really all so simple: if a team (i.e. Fiorentina) is successful, it is happy. If a team is happy you don't change it. So while Milan and Fiorentina, and newcomers from the Second Division Lazio, Brescia and Bari, remain virtually unchanged, Inter, Juventus, Napoli, Torino and above all Roma are in the middle of a fantastic spate of buying and selling.

Herrera, much mourned still by the "Interisti", has had his first success with Roma in the Coppa Italia (see Appendix II). Herrera is now idolised not only by the Romani but by most of the Inter fans as well. So, with a last round 3-1 win against Foggia, Roma have regained not just a cup, but a new self-respect. As Tommy Docherty proved with Aston Villa, this is without doubt the most important attribute of a successful team.

Herrera is fully aware, however, that with self-respect one also needs talent and he is bidding (with another nine players) for Maraschi, centre-forward from Fiorentina, Scala, half-back from Milan, the ageing Hamrin and Altafini, and Clerici the star centre-forward from Atalanta.

Incidentally, Kurt Hamrin after 15 seasons, 378 games and 187 goals, has received a special award from his club and has been universally praised by the Italian press as the "lovable Swedish daddy of Italian football".

Horizon

Now another not quite so lovable "daddy" has re-appeared on the horizon of the approaching season. Virginio De Paoli was born at Certosa in the province of Pavia on June 22, 1938. As an up-and-coming striker, he first signed on with Milan, and was transferred in 1958 to Varese. In 1961 he settled down with Brescia, gradually creating a name for himself and taking a regular place in the Italian under-23 side.

Then, after a couple of appearances in the national side, he was captured by Juventus at the beginning of the 1966/67 season. After two seasons with La Juve, De Paoli went home to Brescia.

There is hardly any need to go into all the nasty details which surrounded his departure from Juventus. But official reasons Juventus gave for his departure were that he was (a) too old, (b) not successful in his role as centre-forward, and (c) that he had "personality problems".

It is under heading (c) that I should like to make a few comments, because I know De Paoli personally. It is true that on occasions he is a very frank, outspoken person and that he was not averse to arguing the toss, as it were, with his bosses and, on occasion, with the referees. When it became apparent that Juventus were going to bid for Anastasi, he thought, at the ripe old age of 30, that his footballing career was finished, and with tears in his eyes told me the true reasons, as he saw them, for his being "put on the scrap heap" by the bosses of the Black and Whites.

"Like most other footballers," he explained, "I was born poor, very poor, and even now, though I have practised a nice signature, I have some difficulty in reading and writing which you, as a literary man (!), would perhaps not appreciate. I have always realised that my brains are in my feet and, although not one of the 'specially favoured' with my club, I always tried to put a little bit aside for times like the present when I am about to be scrapped.

"About six months ago, after I had had a rather stupid row with one of the directors, I started to get cocky and told him that one of your lot, a journalist, was ghost-writing a book for me called 'Confessions of an Italian Footballer'. In it I was going to expose a lot of the bribery and corruption which I saw around me, and I warned him that if he didn't stop talking to me like a child, his name would be mentioned.

"Now you see," he said, "I am sure the book would have been an all-time best-seller, and maybe somebody will do it soon, but I overstepped the mark by trying to hold this particular person, whom I like very much actually, up to ransom, and I have never been forgiven for it. Perhaps I should not be, even if I feel deeply that a lot of the things I saw around me are ruining the Italian game. But you see you can't do that kind of thing in our country and get away with it, and I think that those few remarks and what I said about the book is the real reason that they want to get rid of me. I did very wrong. Now, you see, they are killing me off."

It didn't quite work out that way. No less than nine teams put in a bid for De Paoli who eventually chose Brescia, the team with whom he had played for so long—the team he loved best. And there is no doubt that this new feeling of self-respect, this new feeling of being wanted, turned him into a "goleador", a man of passion, with the result that (see Appendix III) he was not only the Second Division's top goal-scorer, but took his team to the First Division. The has-been, the old man, is a new folk hero and when the gladiator enters the ring next season to face his old team Juventus, the new Juventus of Anastasi, I—God willing—shall be there to see him.

Forza De Paoli! Sock it to 'em!

APPENDIX I

ITALIAN FIRST DIVISION LINE-UP —SEASON 1969/70

Team	Trainer/Manager
BARI	Pugliese
BOLOGNA	Fabbri
BRESCIA	Silvestri (contract signed)
CAGLIARI	Scopigno (contract signed)
FIORENTINI	Pesaola (contract signed)
INTER	Heriberto Herrera
JUVENTUS	Carniglia (contract signed)
LAZIO	Lorenzo (contract signed)
MILAN	Rocco (contract signed)
NAPOLI	Chiappella (contract signed)
PALERMO	Di Bella (contract signed)
ROMA	Helenio Herrera (contract signed)
SAMPDORIA	Bernardini (contract signed)
TORINO	Cade
VERONA	Lucchi
VICENZA	Puricelli (contract signed)

APPENDIX II

ITALIAN F.A. CUP FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Roma	6	3	3	0	11	5	9
Cagliari	6	2	2	2	9	8	6
Foggia	6	1	3	2	9	13	5
Torino	6	0	4	2	7	10	4

APPENDIX III

FINAL LEAGUE TABLE ITALIAN SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lazio	38	17	16	5	55	27	50
Brescia	38	17	14	7	46	24	48
Bari	38	14	19	5	34	27	47
Reggiana	38	17	12	9	36	23	46
Reggina	38	13	18	7	36	24	44
Genoa	38	10	21	7	36	29	41

TOP GOAL SCORERS

De Paoli (Brescia) 18; Cumini (Como), Morelli (Genoa) 13; Canzi (Lecco), Vallongo (Reggina) 11; Mascheroni (Genoa) 10; Tentorio (Bari), Turchetto (Brescia), Ghio (Lazio), Pienti (Reggiana), Bigon (Spal) 9.

From ERIC BATTY

CZECHS NEED NEW

DURING the last two or three seasons there has been a considerable improvement in the standard of football seen in Czechoslovakia, though this is apparent only amongst the Slovak teams. Spartak Trnava, champions for the second senson running are in a class of their own, far and away superior to any other side in the country. But as such they are far from typical. It can truthfully be said that West Ham United are not playing typical English football and by the same token Spartak Trnava are not playing the typical Czech game.

Slavia SK and Sparta Praha are probably representative of the Czech game: the old established clubs with great traditions behind them and quite the best supported. Even in trouble they can still muster big crowds that are the envy of provincial sides and Dukla Praha, who consider they've done well on the odd occasion they draw more than 4,000 to a match at their Juliska ground.

Sparta's new ground is now completed, a double oblong tier built on the site of their old ground at Letna. Only the main stand remains and while the capacity is little more than 40,000, everyone now gets a seat save for a few thousand who stand on the lower tiers behind the goals. Though certainly not a ground to rival Chamartin or San Siro it has modern floodlights and many of the essential amenities demanded today and it will do.

The biggest single problem is the approach to the stadium which from the centre of Prague is via the old Letna tunnel. Traffic control throughout Prague is absolutely chaotic with the police apparently having instructions that trams and pedestrians take priority. The result, inevitably, is that cars and buses pile up at every intersection and the bottleneck can spread over more than a mile.

But the difficulties in approaching the new Sparta ground by car are as nothing compared with the problem of rehabilitating the old masters Sparta and Slavia. The biggest problem of all is their past superiority and the traditions they have established over more than 60 years. Old traditions die hard — as the English should know, better than almost anyone — and Sparta and Slavia are giving themselves an unnecessary burden by insisting on clever ball play.

Sparta, in particular, have a collection of players who, as individuals, are probably the equals of Ferencvaros in Hungary and far superior to those of any other club in Central Europe. But as a team they don't exist at all. Third in the league this season, they owe their high place to the fact that apart from Spartak Trnava and Slovan Bratislava no one else in Czechoslovakia is even thinking in terms of modern football.

Everyone else is playing the game of the thirties with perhaps just a fraction more determination which Czech referees are doing their best to stamp out — apparently with the support and encouragement of the Czech FA.

Accustomed as I am to pathetic refereeing in Central Europe I seldom seek to know the individual officials by name but on the last day of the season I saw the Slavia-Dukla Banska Bystrica game and was so appalled at the way in which the referee mishandled the game that I made a point of finding out his name.

A FIFA official, Mr. Krnavek, was the same man who handled the AC Milan-Manchester United match at San Siro to the satisfaction of everyone. Clearly the Czech officials are determined to operate double standards. Under instructions no doubt, they allow players to go for the ball with determination when officiating abroad but for domestic games they insist that everyone approaches the ball and their opponents as if they were all five year old girls and liable to break if breathed upon.

As much as anyone, and more than most, I deplore the violence which now dominates the game in Britain, West Germany and Russia. Going for opponents is not penalised severely enough in these countries where "it was only late" or "it was unintentional" allows players to get away with murder. But in Central Europe—Austria, Hungary and Czechoslovakia being the best examples — contact is kept at the absolute minimum and players are allowed only to stretch out a foot to tackle. Anyone raising a boot more than six inches from the ground is liable to be sent off and repeatedly, perfectly legitimate tackles are penalised.

Having already seen the top teams — and being at Trnava when they drew 3-3 with Sparta Praha to clinch their championship claim — it was clear to me that most of the interest in the title race had died weeks before. With Trnava seven points clear of the field for the last two months of the season and their closest challengers, Slovan Bratislava, obviously concentrating on their Cup-Winners' Cup bid there was little interest in the activities of the leading teams.

This was made abundantly clear at Trnava, where the home side dropped their first home point of the season to Sparta and then after the match hearing that Slovan had also drawn they knew they were home and dry. With hardly a cheer the fans folded their plastic macs and went home.

By contrast on the last day of the season, the Eden ground in Prague was packed to

West Ham United skipper Bobby Moore and Dundee United captain Doug Smith exchange club mementoes before a match in the United States. But what was so special about this game . . .?

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in Prague

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capacity for Slavia's final match and the atmosphere would have led a stranger to believe that he was about to see a Cup Final or a match which would decide the championship. Red and white flags of Slavia were everywhere and with 33,000 inside, the gates were closed. Transistor radios kept everyone informed of the scores at the other matches — all being played at the same time on orders of the FA because half a dozen clubs were involved in the relegation struggle.

Dukla Praha had already saved themselves from the drop four days earlier when they won at Pardubice by 4-0 but to see how close the struggle was the final table shows Dukla in fifth place with 25 points from 26 matches. The teams finally relegated were the 1968 promotion clubs Pardubice and Dukla Banska Bystrica who each gathered 21 points during the campaign. With eight days and three matches for everyone still outstanding, all but the top three Trnava, Slovan and Sparta, could have been relegated.

On the last day Slavia were at home to Dukla Banska Bystrica, the Army club from Slovakia who had surprised even themselves by being promoted last year and surprised no one when they made the quickest possible return to the Second Class. But on the final day they were still in with a chance — a single point better off than Pardubice and Teplice and level on points with Slavia.

At half time a Slavia fan confided to me that if the club were relegated again this really would be the end of football in Bohemia. But there was never very much chance of that. Reinforcing their defence the Banska Bystrica squad worked hard without any clear conception of play and left-winger Ladislav Petras (Division I leading scorer with 20 goals) was left almost alone up front. In six minutes Nepomucky put Slavia ahead and soon afterwards referee Krnavek sent off the Banska right-winger Rusnak, who at first refused to go and finally went, tears streaming down his face. Walking off the pitch Rusnak knew as his ten colleagues must have done that this sealed their relegation.

It was all so pathetic, Rusnak going for the ball had received a little kick on his heel or ankle. Probably not the first knock he'd received and perhaps hitting a nerve he was a little bit cross. He turned and pushed his assailant away much as a very young schoolboy might do when a colleague said something personal and a little unpleasant.

Earlier, referee Krnavek had made a big show of insisting that the game should never become the kind of relegation battle we might expect in England. But there was never even the slightest chance that this might happen. Penalising players for trivialities, stopping the game to call the captains to him in turn and on one occasion walking over to the trainers' benches and having words with the respective managers. Finally, apparently not satisfied with the effect that his amateur dramatics were having he sent Rusnak off to show everyone that he meant it.

Never at any time in the entire match was there anything even remotely resembling an unpleasant foul. Neither before nor after the dismissal of the Banska right-winger was there even a hint of deliberate foul play and to me the only unpleasant feature of the entire game was the referee's performance.

With Slavia a goal up and Banska Bystrica a man short neither team was inclined to press too much but late in the game it suddenly sprang back to life. Slavia centre-forward Emil Hamar saw Vesely away on the right wing and then sprinted flat out from inside his own half to reach the cross he knew would come. Vesely almost delayed his pass too long but Hamar made up for this by changing pace and arrived just in time, clear in space to get his head to the ball and make it 2-0.

Then, with only ten minutes left, Hamar again beat the Banska goalkeeper with a header only to see the ball stopped on the line by a defender's hand. Quite rightly — and perhaps the only good decision the man made all afternoon — Krnavek pointed to the spot. Inside-left Jaroslav Kravarik was nominated to take the kick, an elegant and skilful ball player transferred from Spartak Trnava. I have no doubt that Trnava knew what they were doing when they let Kravarik go for, despite all his obvious skill he gives nothing to the team. All he does is hold up promising moves with colleagues (like Hamar) sprinting into space looking for an early ball. Like a piece of holly on a Christmas cake Kravarik is a decoration. He looks good.

He almost fluffed the penalty too — making a big show of sending the 'keeper the wrong way and elegantly side-footing the ball to the left-hand bottom corner. After all Kravarik's intended feints, goalkeeper Burik got down well and made a touch.

Finally it was all over and delighted Slavia fans flooded on to the pitch waving their enormous flags, and dancing with delight. They had made it. They were safe. Magically bouquets of flowers appeared from nowhere and were presented to each of the Slavia players. Holding their flowers the players lined up for a group photograph surrounded by several hundred fans and dozens of flags. This is the way with Sparta and Slavia fans. Everything the club does is a triumph. All the earlier poor performances were forgotten and avoiding relegation was a cause enough for celebration.

To the officials of Sparta and Slavia it must seem only a matter of time before they start to collect the honours once more. The way things look to me it will be a long time coming—perhaps never—unless a real change of heart takes place. For both clubs are outdated, old-fashioned in their thinking and in their approach to the game. And if they can see that Spartak Trnava are playing a different game they do not understand it. Indeed they neither like it nor want to understand it and it is this blind belief in the football of the past that holds both clubs back and will continue to do so in the future.

In common with most of the Czech people I know—fans, officials, managers and journalists—there is a widespread conviction that professionalism or at least a form of semi-professionalism will put right everything that is wrong. Professionalism as we know it in England and Italy is quite out of the question. The economic structure of the country precludes it and although they cannot see it and will not recognise it they are already semi-pro.

What is required and what has been required for many years is a professional attitude within their game which is not at all the same thing as professionalism. I know quite a few professionals in England who think like amateurs and the Czechs now are semi-professionals dominated by amateur attitudes.

Despite all their problems and their obvious failings the Czechs surprisingly have provided both the finalists in the current Mitropa Cup competition. Teplice, who narrowly avoided relegation on the last day beat Yugoslavia's Zeleznicar in the semi-final while Inter-Bratislava exceeded even their wildest hopes when they eliminated Hungary's Vasas Budapest. None of the competing countries now enters their top teams in this series but to provide both the finalists is at once a compliment to the Czechs (poor as their game is) and an indictment of Hungary, Austria and Yugoslavia.

Perhaps typical of the misunderstanding that now reigns in Czechoslovakia is the Slavia centre-forward Emil Hamar whom I liked very much. Twenty-two years old he played for Slavia in Hamburg earlier in the season and was invited to stay by Hamburger SV. Hamar remained for three months while HSV tried without success to arrange a transfer and when it became clear that the Czech FA would not agree Hamar finally returned home. For another three months he played in the Slavia reserves and then for the final critical match against Dukla Banska Bystrica he was returned to the first team.

Almost everyone I know rated Kravarik the star and under-rated Hamar. On this one showing I would immediately axe Josef Adamec from the national team and promote Hamar in his place. He moves well, he's full of courage and intelligent and he's willing to move without the ball which is quite an exceptional thing in Central Europe these days. Without doubt he's the most promising newcomer I've seen in Czechoslovakia and the Czechs don't reckon him.

For next season the First Division is being increased from 14 to 16 clubs, two now being relegated and four to be promoted. To maintain the Division at its new level only two teams will be relegated at the end of 1969-70.

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the shores of Lake Onandaga in upper New York State, just outside the city of Syracuse. At Griffin Field that afternoon an American Soccer League game was scheduled, but surrounding the stadium were numerous baseball diamonds, all in use and in most of them the teams playing were young boys.

I did not see any of these boys at the soccer game even after they had finished playing, they were not even curious. It was a foreign game being played by foreigners, something they had no connection with, or interest in. The Syracuse evening paper on the night before the game made no mention of soccer, not even the usual advertisement was carried.

The people who are interested in promoting soccer here must do something and do it fast if they are not going to throw good money after bad. In some way the negative attitude of the US press must be counteracted, and Americans informed and educated as to what is taking place outside of the United States, or they will continue to think that football and baseball are the world's major sports, and that they are the world champions at both games.

This must go hand in hand with promotion of soccer at the grass roots level or American soccer fans will soon lose the interest that has been built up in school, through total isolation.

Another thing that must be stamped out is the ethnic image that soccer has. One of the worst examples of this is to be found in Harrison, New Jersey, where at the home ground of the Newark Ukrainian Sitch of the American Soccer League, all the advertising and announcements are made in Ukrainian. Examples of this kind of thing are all too common in semi-professional and amateur soccer here, that a professional soccer club playing in a league whose object is to promote the game, should be adopting such a policy is just plain ludicrous.

Soccer promotion in North America must be a combination of many things all taking place at once. It is a gigantic task, but two of the pitfalls as outlined above are well known, even then the elimination of them will not guarantee success, promoters can only hope to learn from the mistakes and failures of the past and build on the basis of education and information, while at the same time giving young players something to aim for, and a look at the very best to emulate.

On the playing scene in the American Soccer League, the Washington Darts are still undefeated along with the Rochester Lancers, and the league tables up to and including June 16 are as follows:

Southern Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Washington Darts...	7	4	3	0	15	6	11
Philadelphia Uk'ans	7	3	1	3	11	16	7
Philadelphia Spart's	6	1	2	3	5	10	4
Newark Sitch	6	1	1	4	9	12	3

Northern Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rochester Lancers...	6	2	4	0	9	5	8
Syracuse Scorpions	5	3	1	1	9	6	7
Boston Astros	5	3	0	2	12	6	6
New York Inter.....	6	0	2	4	8	16	2

ENGLAND went to Latin America looking for experience rather than results — that they managed to gain both was a cause for immense satisfaction. Sir Alf Ramsey's squad is now in the happy position of knowing that they need fear no one when they return to Mexico for the job of defending their world title next year. Of course, they cannot be over-confident and every opposition needs respecting, but they have done enough on their four-match tour to ensure that any of the other finalists will be more worried than they. They have established an invaluable psychological advantage; Brazil may have beaten them in the last ten minutes but anyone present at that memorable match knows the 2-1 score to be a falsehood. Brazil may have saved their face but England's inferiority complex in South America, stretching back a generation, has been erased.

BOBBY MOORE and MARTIN PETERS.

ALTITUDE

The purpose of the tour was to explore the effects on the players of heat, humidity and altitude. Without any acclimatisation the players came out of the test well. Some of them were undoubtedly shattered at times, particularly in the first two matches against Mexico, yet within a few days they were beginning to come to terms with the climatic problems. Next year when they arrive three weeks before the World Cup begins they will know what they have to overcome and they will not be without confidence. The devil you know is always easier to face.

The two talking points of the tour were the interpretation of the various referees, and the future of Bobby Charlton. To consider the latter first. There had been an impression for some time that possibly the team played better when Bobby was not included. Not that he has lost those magical powers of swerve and acceleration or that explosive shot, but in the tactics demanded away from home he tends to confuse rather than clarify the pattern. At Wembley, when England can dictate the play, Bobby thrives on the chances to burst through from deep positions, harrying a defence which is constantly pinned down. This is a role which does not demand constant tactical responsibility.

OPPONENTS

But away from home, and especially in South America, the picture changes fundamentally. Now it is the opponents who are likely to have a moral and territorial advantage, and the England strategy changes to one of comprehensive defence and lightning, precision breakaways. In these the reluctance of Bobby to give first-time forward passes tends to slow the movement. Finding himself under pressure, his tendency is to drift square and even diagonally backwards away from the opposition and the element of surprise is destroyed.

APPARENT

This was never more apparent than in the second half of the second match against Mexico in Guadalajara, where Bobby came on with Mullery in place of Ball and Peters, the only two players on the field, other than Moore, who had also suffered the gruelling experience in the Aztec Stadium in Mexico City two nights before. In the first half England had paralysed the sadly inept Mexicans. In the second Bobby was pushed deeper and deeper into his own half and the whole of England's rhythm began to flag. Of course, this was partly because some of the other players were beginning to feel the effect of the humidity, still oppressive in the late evening.

Against Uruguay, Bobby was unfit. Then in the final match against Brazil he played up front with Hurst, a position he does not really relish. My feeling is that he will next year be used as a versatile "spare", or "secret weapon" for certain matches, playing in part of a game in the 13-a-side tactics which Ramsey will exploit in the attempt to beat the conditions as much as the opposition. This use of 13 men could

On reflection . . .

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produce a new approach to the game in many ways, a new dimension of exciting possibilities. It could be of vital importance to England, for whom so much of their success depends on the maximum physical contribution from all players all the time. It might have been designed specifically for us!

The other real problem, as we knew all along, will be the treatment handed out by the referees. On this tour, with nothing at stake, England leaned over backwards to avoid controversy and leave behind a good impression for when they return next year. Yet still they found themselves falling foul of both referees and opponents. When the heat is really on in the World Cup heaven knows what might happen if England reverted to their normal game.

STAMPED

The referees for the first three matches, Tejada of Peru in Mexico and Marques of Brazil in Uruguay, stamped on the slightest suspicion of a raised foot by England and penalised many a tackle that would have gone unnoticed in an English League match. I am all in favour of limiting some of the more obvious excesses of the English game, but the way they were penalised in the first three matches was often a contradiction of the rules.

By contrast, the Uruguayan referee, Barreto, allowed far more physical commitment in the game with Brazil, and it was noticeable that the Brazilians tolerated some healthy tackling without fuss and were themselves tough where they needed to be. Here was an acceptable compromise in interpretation. But my fears for some nasty scenes next year remain undiminished. The Mexicans in particular showed a nasty line in ruthless fouling at expedient moments.

COMPLEX

Besides killing their own inferiority complex, the England players also ended the myth that they only won the World Cup in 1966 because it was played at Wembley and that they would be exposed once they ventured away from home. This was a theory which completely overlooked the excellent record of the side under Ramsey on foreign soil. I would not go quite as far as one Uruguayan journalist who said, "England now has the best *two* teams in the world", but they have a squad of tremendous depth and experience *still with a year to go*. Excused the rigours of the qualifying tournament, they are better and earlier prepared than any other nation.

CONFIRMED

To go through the team starting from the back. Banks, returning from his father's funeral in time to play in the last two matches, confirmed that he has no peer as a goalkeeper in world football, still splendidly calm and safe. Shilton made a promising debut in Guadalajara, and could well have become the regular number two by the time the team returns there for their preliminary matches. West had an uncertain game in Mexico City before hurting his shoulder in the last few minutes. He misjudged some of the long-range shots but this could have had something to do with both the humid air and the light ball which had a tendency to "move".

DOUBTS

One of the biggest doubts about the squad at the outset was at full back, and though Wright and Newton did a fine job in the final game, largely smothering Edu and Jairzinho, there must still be room for someone to come through during next season. McNab and Cooper were useful without being impressive. We still have no one in the category of a Wilson.

Of the two centre-halves Labone was unquestionably the best, assured and strong and restrained where necessary. Jack Charlton did not have a happy time in the second match against Mexico and on a firm surface his days must be numbered. Moore, the only man to play in all of the four matches, was in the same category as Banks—the best player in this position in the world, as solid as Gibraltar. In four games he can have made barely half-a-dozen mistakes, and again and again he came to the rescue in awkward moments with interceptions that were utterly controlled and without hesitation.

Another of the great successes of the tour was Mullery, sweeping up in front of the back four and providing a link with the middle line of three, the team's formation being 4-1-3-2. It was totally out of place though possibly justified at that moment that Mullery should have been sent off in Guadalajara, for he is so disciplined in everything he does—a far better player with England than with Spurs.

My experience of world soccer, though by no means as lengthy as some, goes back to the early fifties and I cannot remember a more fluent midfield combination than Ball, Bell and Peters when playing at their most inspired. Bell, though tiring in the second half as he always has before, finally arrived as an England player, producing the kind of form one has previously associated with his club displays. His wonderfully shrewd use of the ball, allied to Ball's prodigious running and Peters's remarkable anticipation around the penalty area, really gave the Latins something to think about.

IMPRESSED

Joao Saldanha, Brazil's manager, was tremendously impressed by Bell, and if he can only find a little more stamina then he can become one of the outstanding players of the next World Cup. It is his development which has put Bobby Charlton's future in jeopardy.

There was another promising performance from Clarke, who scored twice and shared in the humiliation of Mexico in Guadalajara. All that is lacking is a certain application that may come when he has become more familiar with the big-time surroundings. Of Astle I am less sure—a useful player at times but inconsistent. I would not say he was the ideal partner for the brave and inexhaustible Hurst in the hurly-burly that goes on up front.

SCARED

The man for this must surely be Lee, who scared the life out of everyone, scored a fine goal against Uruguay and had the whole South American football world talking about him. He has that explosive quality like Charlton, yet is also prepared to take people on at close quarters. Ramsey, it seems, is still not sure.

Well, all I can say is that most other managers would give any two other players to have him. But then Ramsey is not most other managers.

Group XI Brazil, Paraguay, Colombia, Venezuela

THE Confederacion Brasileña de Deportes, ruling body of sport in Brazil, dropped a bomb-shell when they named 53-year-old Joao Saldanha to replace Aymore Moreira as national coach at the beginning of the year. Saldanha had been a sports writer since he gave up coaching Botafogo (with whom he won the Carioca League) ten years ago. He chose a 22-man squad including eight players from Santos. Then he in turn dropped a bomb-shell when he chose the eight Santos players in the eleven to face England on June 12.

Although the actual line-up against England only included six Santos players, Brazil's improved show in their 2-1 win may induce Saldanha to continue with a Santos basis for his team.

Brazil won the World Cup in 1962 when already on the decline merely because of the individual brilliance of their players, most of whom were already past their best. Although after that good players continued to come to the fore, they weren't as good as their predecessors.

Saldanha, a bitter critic of everything old, changed Brazil's 4-2-4 line-up to 4-1-2-3, using a "libero", Piazza, for the first time. This new set-up has so far not strengthened the defence, but weakened the attack by taking a man out. Brazil's traditional policy and strength had always been attack and score more goals than the opposition, rather than stopping opponents from scoring. Throughout Brazilian league soccer there is less marking than elsewhere in South America and the idea is "play and let play".

The new Brazilian line-up also gave up the mid-field (with only Gerson there) to opponents. Saldanha wanted to play the ball out of

Santos may repre

defence with a triangle of Piazza, Lopez and Gerson. It has not looked very successful so far. With six or eight Santos players in the eleven, however, the national team's play is naturally based on the Santos club's style of play. Whatever line-up Brazil plays in the World Cup eliminator games, they are firm favourites to win their group.

In Brazil, much more importance is given to the national team than in other South American countries. The squad is doing a lot of its training at the Agujas Negras Military Academy, under the army's guidance, especially where physical fitness is concerned.

Re-conquest

Meanwhile Walter Moreira Sales, reputed to be the richest man in Brazil, is heading a finance campaign for the "Re-conquest of the Jules Rimet Cup" and has personally advanced 130,000 dollars to this end, to be recuperated later from gate takings.

Brazil's international record last year was the best in South America—won 9, drew 2, lost 3. In some of these games, counting as full internationals, Brazil was represented by State Selections. This year two games against Peru (won 2-1 and 3-2) were played prior to the England match.

On paper Paraguay should be Brazil's chief rivals. They are especially hard to beat at home. In fact a San Paulo State Selection, playing in Brazilian colours, was the only foreign team to win (4-0) on Paraguayan soil last year, but a couple of days later Paraguay got revenge by 1-0. Visiting teams in Paraguay are traditionally showered with oranges, but I don't think that puts them off their game.

Jose Maria Rodriguez, a 42-year-old Uruguayan who coaches Guarani, has again been put in charge of the national team. A squad was picked at the end of February and only a few weeks later home and away games were scheduled against Argentina. For these, Rodriguez picked seven players from his own club to get some semblance of team-work. Both games were drawn, but both teams played badly and, it was hoped, this was no guide to form. For the next game, two months later against Chile at home, nine changes were made, but Paraguay lost 1-0.

Only at the beginning of June, with the suspension of league games, could Paraguay start serious preparation with 20 players. The Paraguayan FA had slapped a ban on transfers to foreign clubs until the end of August to be able to rely on a stable team until the end of the World Cup eliminator games. Some 80 Paraguayan players are currently playing in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Spain and Colombia, among them the best Paraguay could field, but none have been asked for to include in the national team.

Weakened

Colombia's chances are weakened by the fact that more foreign than local players line up in the 14 professional First Division clubs, although this season the number of foreigners allowed per club has been reduced from nine to eight and per match from six to five.

Francisco Zuloaga, 39-year-old coach of Millionarios FC of Bogotá, is in charge of the national team which hasn't won any international games for quite some time. The Amateur Selection had been quite successful in winning the South American qualifying group for the Olympic Games last year. Later they lost only 1-0, in the final minutes, against the full Argentine national team. Only three of these amateurs have made the full international team, however, which lost 1-0 at home to Mexico in their only 1968 game. This year they have lost 1-0 to Mexico (away) and 3-1 to the USSR and Peru at home.

Venezuela only entered international soccer in 1964 and baseball is still the number one sport in the country. With many foreign players, most of them from Brazil, lining up in league games, there is also less chance for local talent to get top class soccer, although

Group X Argentina, Bolivia, Peru . . . by ERIC WEIL

Rattin (right) scores for Boca Juniors. The veteran centre-half has been recalled to the national team. (EW)

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obviously they are learning a lot from the foreigners.

A 24-man squad was picked mid-May under Argentine coach, Antonio Franco, but with six weeks to go for the first World Cup game they had still not done any combined training —only tactical talks with a blackboard at the FA's offices—because with the league championship in full swing, most clubs were playing three times a week and would not release their players.

Most of this squad had already been picked by Franco for the South American Junior Championships in 1964. Now, as then, their strongest department is defence in spite of the Brazilian influence. At the last senior South American Championship, played at Montevideo at the beginning of 1967, Venezuela was fifth with only Bolivia worse off by a point. Their soccer was simple and unattractive and they have played no internationals since. By rights they should finish at the bottom of the group.

Fixtures—27/7: Colombia v. Venezuela; 2/8: Venezuela v. Colombia; 7/8: Venezuela v. Paraguay; 10/8: Colombia v. Paraguay; Venezuela v. Brazil; 17/8: Paraguay v. Brazil; 21/8: Brazil v. Colombia; Paraguay v. Venezuela; 24/8: Paraguay v. Colombia; Brazil v. Venezuela; 31/8: Brazil v. Paraguay.

Argentina, the seeded team in the group, certainly started their preparations properly by taking the complete national team squad, picked by coach Humberto Maschio a few weeks earlier, to Bolivia for 15 days in February to study altitude effects at the scene of one of their future World Cup games. The squad included no former World Cup players and was mostly inexperienced international-wise. The same could also be said for the coach, Maschio, a surprise selection, who had retired as a Racing player only at the end of the 1968 season and whose only previous coaching experience was as assistant to his predecessor, Jose Minella, during the latter part of that year.

In Bolivia a lot was learned about the altitude and each individual player's reaction to it—a knowledge useful up to a point as many of these players were since replaced in the national team. Back home, fortnightly games against provincial selections, followed by internationals versus Paraguay (home and away), a Brazilian Porto Alegre Select and Chile (h. and a.) showed up the Argentine team as inexperienced and with no real plan, although none of these games were lost. Weekly training sessions have been very half-hearted and slap-dash, often with many absentees due to "injuries" and club calls, especially those of Estudiantes de La Plata with their heavy international commitments.

Maschio has gradually drafted in a few former World Cup players such as Rattin, Marzolini and Albrecht to strengthen what was already the team's strongest department—defence. Maschio favours 4-3-3 with rotation. He hadn't found the best formula for the middle line, but there were plenty of good players to try out. The attack, however, showed itself to be disconnected and with no plan. This was more difficult to remedy as there is little good attacking play in the league at present.

In spite of the uncertainty and more changes being likely, Argentina should finish top of the group, but not without a fight, especially if the spirit, missing from warm-up games, returns as is expected.

Peru has come a long way under Brazilian coach Waldir Pereira "Didi", and they have prepared for these World Cup games harder and longer than ever before. Last year Peru held Argentina to a draw twice in three days at Lima and this year they lost two games away to Brazil by only one-goal margins.

"Didi" took a 44-man squad, including champions Universitario's entire team, to isolated Ica in March. Since then many changes have been made with no interference from clubs as the championship had not been started and is now being played without selected players. Altitude training was no problem as games were played at Arequipa which is 2,300 metres above sea-level.

Contain

To strengthen a defence which has shown itself to be weak in the air and slack at marking, Didi changed from 4-3-3 to 4-1-2-3, but Peru's mid-field soccer still shows plenty of ideas and rhythm. The squad does not contain many outstanding players, but half-back Rafael Mifflin looks worth the 130,000 dollars Santos were willing to pay for him and when ball players such as Julio Baylon, Pedro Leon and Alberto Gallardo hit it off in front, the attack can be dangerous with all the players looking for goal. Peruvians are, however, used to bone-hard fields as it seldom rains in Lima.

Freddy Valda, Bolivia's national team coach together with Felix Deheza, stayed with world champions Estudiantes de La Plata, in Argentina, during their pre-season training to learn their methods, but he will hardly have time to pass on his knowledge to the national team. Internal politics at the Bolivian FA caused delays and Valda and Deheza were only officially engaged in May.

A 30-man squad was formed and finally commenced hasty training in June. After a couple of warm-up games against local clubs it was going to be reduced to 20 and a few further games against foreign clubs had been scheduled.

Hardly the way to prepare for the World Cup, but a good example of the present state of soccer in Bolivia is the bankruptcy of last season's champions, Bolivar, one of the two most popular teams in the country, which thus had to withdraw from this season's First Division Championship.

Bolivia finished bottom of the last South American Championship in 1967 (after being champions of the previous tournament played in Bolivia in 1963), which shows how the country's altitude can affect visiting teams, but Argentina and Peru have studied the altitude problem carefully and it should not worry them unduly. Bolivia has played no international games since the South American Championship and I can't see them getting away from bottom place in this group.

Fixtures—27/7: Bolivia v. Argentina; 3/8: Peru v. Argentina; 10/8: Bolivia v. Peru; 17/8: Peru v. Bolivia; 24/8: Argentina v. Bolivia; 31/8: Argentina v. Peru.

Sorry tale of woe ...

by TOM MULDOWNEY

EIRE'S World Cup crush made sad summer reading for long-suffering supporters of the "Greens", now despairing of ever having a personal interest in the concluding stages of soccer's showpiece.

The sad and sorry tale of woe started as far back as last December when on a foggy night in Dublin town Denmark came, could not see and departed unconquered, with the game unfinished.

Five months later, in much better weather conditions, came Czechoslovakia. And proceeded to expose alarming shortcomings in the home line-out. It was a rough, tough, no quarter asked or expected in the opening 45 minutes during which the home eleven were not allowed to play football. Fair, or should I say, unfair enough. But in the second half when the visitors turned on the style, their opponents could have been on the terraces for all they did about it. Instead of employing first-time tactics they stood off and paid the price.

Experience

This was a poor show indeed. Particularly from players with so much talent and experience and on whom so much depended. It did seem that the honour of representing one's country no longer brought out the fire and fury so common with players of the past. An unfair criticism of the modern player? Perhaps; certainly there is a world of difference in the club form of Eire's emigrants and what they dish up at Dalymount Park. Could be that they miss their colleagues and pre-match blueprint.

With the chips down, victory was a must at Copenhagen. The selectors, desperate to find a winning way and apparently determined to make a scapegoat of someone for the Dalymount debacle, dropped both Charlie Hurley and, would you believe, Johnny Giles.

Hurley was retained as team manager with Chelsea's John Dempsey moved from wing-half to pivot. This was more or less expected, Dempsey is regarded as Hurley's successor. However, it was not easy to replace the little Leeds man.

It's history now that Eire collapsed at Copenhagen. Prestige nose-dived to zero, putting in jeopardy future friendly fixtures against Europe's élite. An abundance of spirit and fighting heart could always be expected from an Irish team. On this important occasion it was strangely missing. Defeat seemed to be accepted as inevitable. Highlight of the game was the appearance on the playing pitch of a Danish lady to remonstrate with John Dempsey.

Back then to Dublin for the first visit, in 30 years, of Hungary. Although World Cup hopes were gone by the board, changes were made. Changes to make the ordinary fan wonder about the selectors' sanity.

Recalled were Hurley and Giles. Hurley to lead the attack. In the absence of Dempsey with injury, the pivot position went to Limerick's captain and coach wing-half Al Finucane. The most improved player in the country fit to take his place in any team but untried at centre-half. Retained to the satisfaction of all was young Don Givens.

Pre-match comment gave Eire no chance. How could it have been otherwise. The Magyars had been more than a match for the Czechs, while Eire's chances were not helped by the withdrawal of Giles. This caused a storm with the Eire FA to ask Leeds for an explanation.

Hungary duly won, collecting those two vital points. But not before they had a fight and fright. This was a much better performance from the Irish. At last we saw the old fight back, forcing Hungary to give ground. And at the finish O'Neill almost snatched a draw.

Star men included Al Finucane, who justified the decision of the selectors to play him at number five, with a super show against Dunai; Paddy Mulligan was a match for the great Albert, while the emigrants for once revealed club form. None more so that Brennan, Dunne and Jimmy Conway. Full marks to Charlie Hurley. A failure at centre-forward, he took himself off and switched Givens as leader with O'Neill on the right. It was from O'Neill's cross that Givens scored his first international goal.

What now? Back to England went most of the team. Kelly, Brennan, Dunne, Conway, Dunphy, Rogers, Givens and the others.

It would appear that with so few players to draw from, Eire will always be the underdogs in world football. This in itself need not be cause for frustration. Every dog has its day.

BAYERN DOUBLE

West Germany

WEST GERMANY'S most successful team of recent years, Bayern Munich, have completed a glorious Cup and League double, only the second in German history after Schalke who achieved it in 1937. It was Bayern's third Cup triumph in the last four seasons and their second championship title (previous in 1932). Adding their European Cup Winners Cup victory in 1967, this clearly makes them West Germany's outstanding side, worthy to represent this country for the first time in the next edition of the Champions Cup (writes ARTHUR ROTMIL).

The 26th DFB-Cup final at the Waldstadion in Frankfurt before 64,000 fans produced a great first half in which all the goals were scored. After 13 minutes Starck beat off two tackles and laid on a fine pass for Müller who promptly fired home. Schalke, defending their unique "double" record, came back in the 20th minute, through Pohlschmidt whose cannon-shot from 30 yards Maier never saw. It was the first and only goal Bayern had conceded in the entire Cup campaign! A quarter of an hour later Müller swung his golden left foot again and his rocket-volley nearly tore the net for the final score of 2-1. It was Bayern's fourth final appearance and their fourth victory, which makes them Germany's No. 1 Cup-team, ahead of Nürnberg who have three wins to their credit. Twenty-three-year-old Gerd Müller, already the league's top scorer with 30 goals, had an even greater share in his club's Cup win, for out of their eight goals—he alone scored seven!

In the Bundesliga Bayern finished eight points clear at the top but in the closing stages the main interest focused on the unusually dramatic battles against relegation. With three rounds left, only two points covered the bottom eight teams, whilst on the last day of the season four clubs opposed each other in do-or-die clashes when victory meant salvation and defeat the inevitable drop. In an atmosphere of a Final, Cologne drew 53,000 fans (thousands were locked out) to watch the Cup-holders crush last year's champions Nürnberg 3-0 and sent them into oblivion of the Regional-Liga South. In the other decider Borussia Dortmund retained their status by defeating Kickers Offenbach also 3-0, cheered by 40,000.

These and other similar vital encounters contributed to a welcome rise in attendances as compared with last season. The 306 games attracted 6,459,259, an increase of 311,751 for an average of 21,109 per match. The best home gates were registered by Hertha Berlin who averaged 41,519. Top attendances: VfB Stuttgart v. Bayern 74,407, Hertha v. Dortmund 65,854, Hertha v. Hamburger SV 65,839, Eintracht Frankfurt v. Bayern 64,880, and Hertha v. VfB Stuttgart 61,892. But on 30 occasions gates failed to reach 10,000. Most popular team were Bayern whose visits attracted on average 42,000.

Newsletters

SALUTE BASLE

Switzerland

SALUTE the Fussball Club Basle, the new champions of Switzerland, who produced an amazing unbeaten run, which began after their 0-5 defeat at Lausanne at the end of November, to clinch the title on the last day of the season by winning 3-2 in Lucerne. It is their third championship triumph, having previously won in 1953 and 1967. Lausanne, leaders for most of the campaign, were pipped by one point, but the writing was on the wall after the penultimate round when in their direct clash, Basle triumphed by 4-0 at home (writes ARTHUR ROTMIL).

This deciding encounter drew a crowd of 46,000—a new record attendance for a league match in this country, beating the previous figure of 37,000 established in March 1968 for Basle's home match with Lugano. Lausanne, whose refreshingly attacking style stamped them earlier in the season as firm favourites, were decidedly out of luck in the closing stages of the championship race and were well beaten by a Basle team who thrashed one title contender after another—Young Boys (2-0), Lugano (3-0), Zürich (3-0) and Lausanne (4-0)—and without defeat in their last 14 games, to emerge as the strongest side at the finish. After the 12th and 17th round, Basle were each time five points behind Lausanne, but in their long-awaited confrontation goals by Balmer, Odermatt, Benthaus and Hauser gave them their 4-0 victory in a game marred only by a single unsportsmanlike incident.

With 16 minutes left, and the score 3-0, Lausanne's defender Chapuisat kicked an indirect free kick into his own net, apparently to confuse referee Scheurer, but the official correctly gave a corner though most of the crowd obviously ignorant of the rules gasped in astonishment. Although Lausanne's players protested their innocence, it was clear that Chapuisat and 'keeper Schneider deliberately staged this trick to have the game possibly declared void—if the referee had been bluffed into awarding Basle a goal! According to the rules, no goal can be scored from an indirect free kick, whilst even a direct free kick into a team's own net does not count as a goal.

Basle, well served in defence by internationals Ramseier and Michaud, but especially in midfield by their axis of Odermatt—plus the Germans Sundermann and Benthaus, as well as their strikers Balmer, Mauser and Wenger, proved through their consistency and modern concept to be the country's outstanding side. The fight against relegation was also decided on the last day. Winterthur and Chaux-de-Fonds are safe but poor Sion went down with Lucerne.

Derry City make peace with IFA

THE war is over and peace has been established. Harry Cavan, president of the Irish Football Association, refuted suggestions that there was any prejudice against Derry City over the state of the club's Brandywell Road pitch (which at one time had a six-foot slope at one goalmouth)—and City officials have now decided to spend £7,000 on making the pitch up to international club standard so that they will never have to face another banning by the Belfast-based IFA.

It was when Derry City had won their first Irish League Championship in 1964-65 that the ground was banned by the Association after a complaint by an official of FK Lyn of Norway who had been soundly trounced (5-1) in a second round European Cup-tie. The pitch had been passed for that game but for the subsequent tie against Anderlecht of Belgium the IFA stepped in and said City must play their "home" tie in Belfast. City officials decided to withdraw rather than agree to the suggestion and ever since then their relationship with the Association has been a nervous one.

There was much ill-feeling in the area over the banning and a comment in the Derry City programme best summed it up with the words: "Incredible as it may seem it was the IFA who took it upon themselves to ban Brandywell (for the match with Anderlecht of Belgium). Football in the NW has come to a dreadful state when the president and his henchmen in Belfast elect to do so without even referring their decision to EUFA.

"Surely the president of the Association should be out fighting for IFA clubs and leaving no stone unturned in their interests? Instead they have listened to the protests of a well-beaten team—a bad workman blaming his tools."

Mr. Albert Walmsley, president of Linfield, tends the roses in his Belfast garden and formulates ideas which will encourage young players to remain in the Irish League for a few years more before trying their luck in the English or Scottish Leagues.

Irish News by COLIN McALPIN

The trouble flared up again this year when Derry City's application for a place in next season's European Fairs Cup competition was turned down by the IFA who nominated Glentoran, with a poorer record, and Coleraine. City officials felt the latest snub was the last straw and chairman Stephen Morgan went as far as to threaten to take the club out of the Irish League.

City had given assurances that if their application was successful they would have Brandywell in order for the games. When they were turned down they decided to hold off the improvements until next year and to use them as a test case to see just how genuine the IFA were.

The Association, in emphasising the state of Brandywell so often, assured City it was for their own good. If such a fuss was created about the ground, argued the IFA, then the owners—and City don't own the ground—might be embarrassed into making improvements. This, of course, City simply didn't believe.

So club officials decided to improve the ground beyond all question of doubt, apply for a place in the Fairs Cup again and see what happened. If they were turned down again then they had to assume that the Association held a grudge against them and their only course would be to withdraw from the league.

On the Friday evening prior to the general meeting, club officials met Harry Cavan and fellow IFA officials. The outcome was that the president issued his "let's be friends" call and assured City that there was never any question of discrimination against their club.

City's next move was to get the owners—the London-based the Honourable the Irish Society—to help them with the improvements (with a grant towards the cost) or to get the owners to part with Brandywell Road. But such a move as the latter would only involve the club in another major row for the ludicrous reason that every junior club in the area has as much right to use the ground as Derry City.

When City recently spent £2,000 on new dressing-rooms it was for the general benefit of every piddling little outfit who claim the use of Brandywell. Why, argue club officials, should City be the only club putting up money for improvements?

A split at committee level caused a major upset at Seaview in late June when four members of the club's ruling body departed and speculation surrounded the "fate" of long-serving chairman and top IFA official Tommy Moorehead. Tommy—known as "Mr. Football" because of his long association with the game here—had been on the verge of leaving Crusaders for some time before the actual split, but the resignation of the others—brothers Victor and Billy Ferris and David Temple—came as something of a surprise for the officials of the North Belfast club have, in the past, appeared to be an immovable group.

As I write the full story of the split—which in the long run will probably be for the good of the club in that new blood will have to be brought in—isn't known. But no doubt the recriminations and explanations will start to flow very shortly.

Youth is having quite a fling in the old Irish League with more and more managers adopting policies geared for the up-and-coming young players. At Linfield, home of Irish League champions, a man has been brought in to help players develop individual skills; Distillery, home of beaten Irish Cup finalists, have appointed a man to look after the young players; Glentoran, preparing for a Fairs Cup game against Arsenal, have used the break to hold trial games for young players—and the other clubs are turning their attention to the making of, rather than buying of, players.

Linfield's appointment of former Burnley player Billy Wilson—still in his 30's and a man several other clubs had hoped to attract back to the game as a player—makes training at Windsor Park that much easier. The breakdown for the three Linfield teams is that team coaches will look after pools of

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ERIC BATTY reports

FIFTEEN years ago, around the time of Hungary's 6-3 and 7-1 victories over England, Budapest was the Mecca of all those who wanted to understand and re-create the magic that the game once held. The leading clubs, Honved and Red Banner (now MTK) were feted all over the world, and while their national team had so many invitations to play abroad that they could have played a game every week, Hungarian coaches were in great demand.

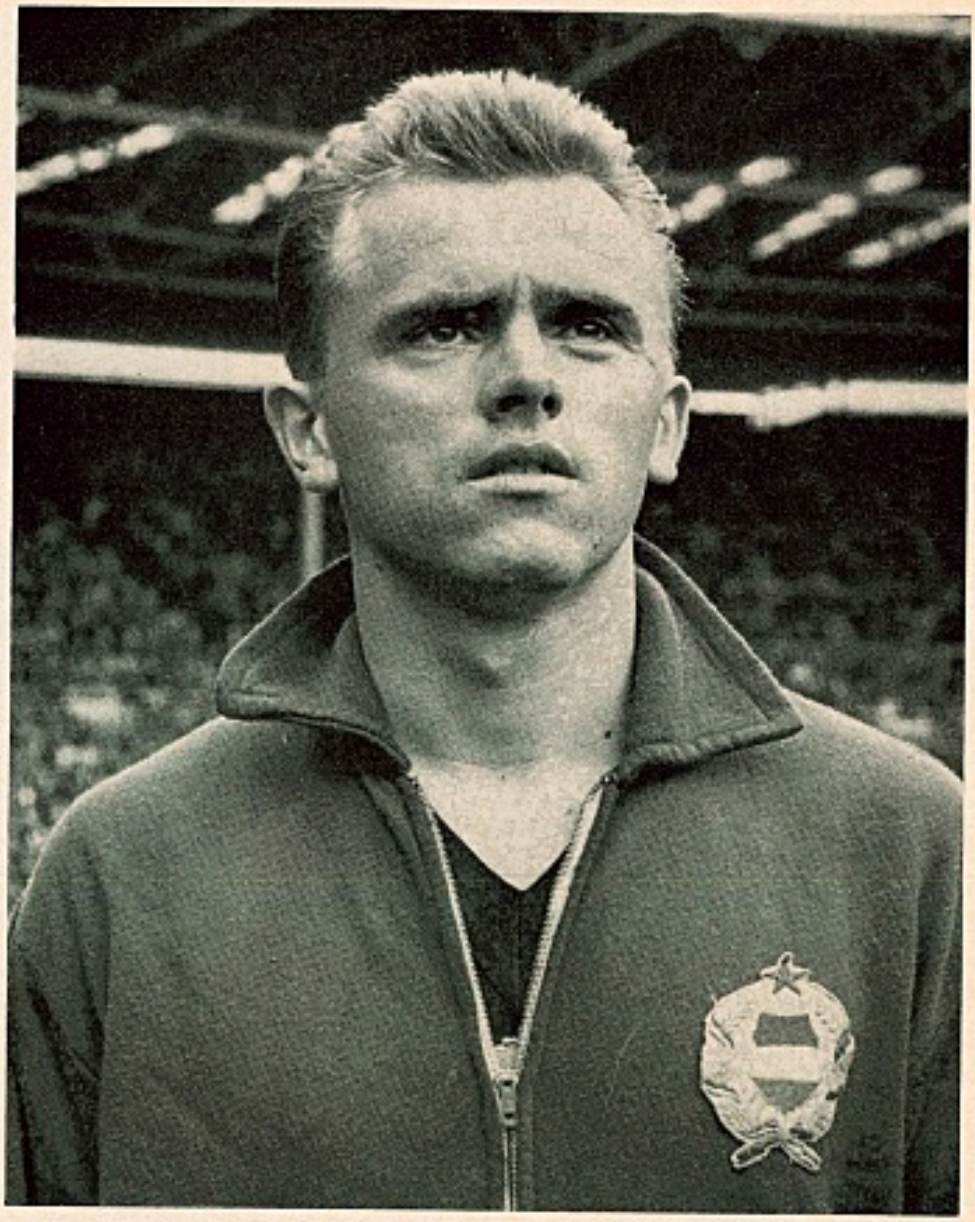
The Hungarians still export coaches, particularly to the under-developed football countries, but the production of top class players and top-quality football has ceased. As one Hungarian journalist said to me after the recent 2-0 win over Czechoslovakia: "Die Ungarischer Mannschaft ist todt. Fussball ist todt. Alles ist kaput . . ." *The Hungarian team is dead. Football is dead. Everything is finished.*

The same afternoon during a very tame and often boring game another friend of mine ventured the opinion that if one excluded Florian Albert and Janos Goroes, what was left of the Hungarian game wouldn't be worth talking about. Neither comment is very far wrong and yet just beneath the surface there remains a thin but clearly visible layer of talent just waiting to be developed.

The decline of the Hungarian game has been due to their failure to adapt to changing conditions. In other fields, history has seen the rise and fall of Greece and Rome and more recently the growth and decline of the British Empire and British influence. Changing conditions have always created new opportunities and if they are not taken by the leading powers someone else will.

In football terms the new conditions which the Hungarians failed to react to were those created by the growth of the professional game. The Italians began this particular turn of the roundabout, but on the whole they have lacked the wit to make full use of their position. More and more it becomes clear that the future of the game can be big . . . if all the conditions are right. But it must be BIG in every sense. A big league, big stadia, big crowds, big name players and above all, the hinge on which it all swings . . . BIG money for the players.

Following the Italian initiative, the Spaniards made an attempt for world leadership, led by Real Madrid and CF Barcelona, but finally they decided they couldn't afford it. While the contribution of the Spanish clubs was enormous and important they lacked the money to keep it going and finally the British and the West Germans joined the big league. Without doubt the British successes of recent years have their origins in the removal of the maximum wage, but unfortunately (like the Italians) the British as a whole have lacked the wit to exploit their advantage to the full.



KALMAN MESZOLY.

Against this background and the changing conditions, the Hungarian game has remained almost as it was in 1953. The players are still feted, the public is still interested but the players are dissatisfied. Their status remains unchanged; they are still only non-amateur. According to the existing Hungarian regulations they are amateurs and technically they all have jobs outside the game. In the majority of cases the secondary job is nothing more than a soft touch—arranged by officials or friends of the club they play for, who work in, or have contacts in, the big state-owned companies.

From all sources the good Hungarian player receives around 8,000 to 10,000 forints per month (£115 to £150) plus the occasional bonuses for matches in the national team and when his club competes in the European Cup and Fairs Cup, etc. Comparing the living standards is not at all simple, for although such an income may not seem much to many people in Western Europe, there is a tremendous difference in the rent one pays for a flat or house. In Britain, for example, many people pay as much as a fifth or a quarter of their total income for living accommodation. But throughout Eastern Europe the average family pays only perhaps five per cent of their income for their flat or house and in most cases this is inclusive of central heating and hot water. Other things are more expensive—particularly cars—but this is a field in which the good football player has a big pull and most players can get the car of their choice without great difficulty.

By comparison with their fellow countrymen, the top Hungarian players are well off in material terms and yet they FEEL LIKE AMATEURS. This is a vital factor which has not yet been understood in Hungary and until it is their game will remain in the doldrums.

The problems revolve around the question of communication. If the Hungarian players were isolated from their counterparts in the West there would be no problem but the rapid development of the international game has meant regular contacts and trips abroad almost every month for the top players. The present generation of Hungarian players

HUNGARIAN PROBLEMS ARE ACUTE

know exactly how the top players in Italy, Spain and England live. Having met and talked with Ferenc Puskas in Madrid, they know almost to the last centimo how much he made in his spell with Real Madrid. To the Hungarian players, Puskas was a professional just as Bobby Charlton, Franz Beckenbauer and Pelé are professionals and by comparison . . . they know they are amateurs.

This improved communication with their counterparts in the West has inevitably brought problems which, given time, have spread throughout the Hungarian game. Feeling like amateurs the players are unwilling to live the dedicated spartan-life the modern game demands. Looking around they see their neighbours, carpenters and garage hands, out drinking on Saturday night. And with a shrug they join in too, for after all we are only amateurs. We may be paid to play but we aren't paid as professionals . . .

They haven't seen the other side of the professional life, or if they have, they choose to ignore it. I've seen something of it in Italy and Spain, and can state with authority that in most cases the clubs push their discipline too far. To give just one simple example will indicate the level of discipline which governs professional life.

On one occasion I was talking in a hotel lounge with one of the Real Madrid stars. They had a game that evening at 7.30 and at 4.30 he suddenly looked at his watch and, explaining that he must wash and prepare for the game, he excused himself. At 5.30 the club's orders were that all the players will meet in the foyer of the hotel for a light meal before they go to the ground.

Clearly he didn't need an hour to wash his hands and comb his hair and, in fact, he was back within half an hour. Thirty minutes early he presented himself at the meeting place and a quarter of an hour before the deadline everyone was present. To be one minute late meant a heavy fine and with that kind of discipline no one takes chances!

Improved

While improved communication with the star players of Western Europe has created dissatisfaction amongst the Hungarian players, I believe that improved communication between the clubs (managers) and the players could do a great deal to correct the imbalance which now exists.

But the attitudes which now exist in the Hungarian game have not suddenly appeared. They have taken root and grown steadily over a number of years and they are now so widespread that overcoming them will not be easy.

Against all this I find it difficult not to sympathise with the Hungarians and there is no doubt that their Football Association could do a great deal to remove many of the players' complaints. One such complaint concerns the illegal payments made when players are transferred and the absence of any compensation paid for long service with one club.

Consider the position of Albert and Gorocs, acknowledged to be the two best players of the moment. Albert has been with Ferencvaros since he was ten years old, while Gorocs, practically the same age, has never played for anyone but Ujpest. Month after month they hear about promising young players produced by provincial clubs, who are tempted by the big clubs of Budapest and transferred. Against all the regulations the bright young stars receive perhaps £1,000 (in forints) in under-the-counter payments. But Albert and Gorocs have never yet asked for a transfer, let alone been transferred.

What the Hungarians could do would be to introduce a five year benefit plan similar to that operated in Britain. After five years as a first team player the Hungarian stars could be granted a benefit match against a big name foreign club. Opponents would not be difficult to find, particularly if the Hungarian clubs co-operated by returning the compliment for one of their opponents when his benefit became due!

In this way, and excluding the TV cameras for these occasions, very large sums could be raised to compensate the one-club man.

The players have other legitimate complaints, too—one of them coming to light during a discussion concerning the difficulties of getting the national team together for training. During 1968 the Hungarian national team played only two games—the European Nations Cup matches against Russia. Since then I was told, the players had not played together for eight months prior to the recent match against Czechoslovakia.

I knew that during the winter break the national team had made two trips to South America, and mentioning this I was told that several of the key players did not go. Albert, for example, claimed he was unfit, though everyone knew this was not so.

But the players have a valid point of view. These tours are arranged by "agents" who take a very large slice of the proceeds. FIFA not long ago introduced new regulations to limit the percentages that the agents can take, but enforcing the rules is another thing. Particularly in South America, where "agents" work under cover of pseudonyms and disappear after they have collected the cheques, clubs often find they are left to pay their own fares home (and sometimes hotel bills, too) while the agent cannot be traced!

But even the reputable agents take a good slice of the proceeds and the players receive two or three US dollars per day pocket money. The star asks himself: "Why should I give up the off-season break for twenty-five bob a day while an agent lines his pockets from 100,000 attendances to watch us play? I'd rather take the wife and kids for a holiday!"

Surprised

Having seen the match against Czechoslovakia, I was not at all surprised to hear from Copenhagen that amateur Denmark had taken two vital World Cup points from Hungary in a 3-2 win. Indeed, I was a little surprised that the Hungarians managed a win in Dublin, for my view of the Hungarian team of the moment led me to believe that a draw in either away match would be a good performance.

In Budapest I saw only one other match live—Csepel v. Tatabanya, which was so poor that it must rank amongst the most uninteresting games I've ever seen. I've seen a great many bad games over the years, but this really was one of the worst. Very largely I believe that this was due to the fact that both clubs were playing for a draw and in Central Europe this occurs as often as elsewhere.

The tragedy is that apart from the big two or three clubs most of the other teams have developed an inferiority complex and the effect of this complex has led them to the point where they really believe that a year in which they escape relegation has been a triumph! The championship is totally beyond them but the threat of relegation is their constant companion and to them very real.

A year ago in Budapest the former MTK right-winger Karoly Sandor was technical director of his old club. As I wrote at the time in WORLD SOCCER, Sandor told me that professionalism was urgently needed. Nothing else can save our football. Sandor quit MTK when the club sacked his former colleague Nandor Hidegkuti, who was the club coach at the time. It was already clear that the Hungarian game had lost its momentum even then, but influenced by the fine showing of the national team against Brazil in 1966 the problems did not stand out so sharply to me.

One year later and having been subjected to a great deal of poor football in the meantime, it all seems clearer. Sandor hit a very large nail right on the head. In 1969 it is clear for all to see; the Hungarian game is dying. The coaches know it, the journalists know it and the fans know it, too. They are waiting for a miracle which cannot come, for professionalism is incompatible with the economic structure of the country.

NORTH KOREA's excursion into big-time soccer ended dismally in June when FIFA rubbed them out of the World Cup elimination series. So the team that caused such shocks in the 1966 tournament in England won't be in Mexico next year. But who will be in their place?

WORLD SOCCER readers are likely to find the position in the sub-groups 15/1 and 15/2 somewhat perplexing. But they should relax: even the countries involved in these groups are not so sure of what goes on.

North Korea was originally drawn in sub-group 15/1, together with New Zealand and Israel—a strange arrangement, to say the least. Both the New Zealanders and the North Koreans were supposed to travel halfway across the world to Tel Aviv—by far the "stretchiest" World Cup group devised by the FIFA Bureau. In sub-group 15/2 a similar anomaly occurred with the inclusion of South Korea (the organisers of the tourney), Japan (a close neighbour), Australia—and, behold—Rhodesia, all the way from southern Africa.

World Cup puzzle . . .

from ANDREW DETTRE

But be that as it may, these were the groups. Then the North Koreans failed to meet a deadline to notify FIFA of their acceptance and were chucked out.

This has reduced subgroup 15/1 to two countries, Israel and New Zealand—with both matches scheduled for Tel Aviv. This, in political terms, amounts to Egypt handing over the Suez Canal to Israel; New Zealand can gloomily look forward to being painlessly eliminated when they meet in October.

Israel will then meet the winner of subgroup 15/2—where four countries will vie for top spot and the right to play off against the winner of 15/1, presumably the Israelis. This second tourney will be held in Seoul between October 10 and 24, and the early favourites are Japan, despite their recent surprise home defeats against such modest opponents as the amateur Middlesex Wanderers and the West German Mönchengladbach.

FIFA is beginning to realise that once again they goofed by relying too much on the stability of countries in the Asian/Oceanic region. This much was admitted by FIFA assistant secretary Rene Courte to me in a recent reply to questions submitted to him.

For one thing, Courte said, in future FIFA will insist that all countries in the World Cup elimination groups confirm their participation one month after the draw has been made. This will prevent the traditional late withdrawals, as happened among African and Asian countries in 1965 and again in North Korea's case recently.

But can FIFA change this ludicrous situation now? Rene Courte feels it's too late for that. Although he agrees in principle that the draw in these sub-groups is not quite sensible from "sporting, economical or geographical" viewpoints—he feels that the World Cup Bureau may have run out of time to do much about it.

I suggested to him a new draw which would bring together the remaining six countries in pairs of twos, preferably the closest neighbours: Japan and South Korea, Australia and New Zealand and Israel and Rhodesia, with the three winners playing off in a tournament for the Mexico ticket.

This sounds fine, said Courte, and makes a lot of sense—but not at this late stage.

Japan and Australia are the joint favourites for the World Cup sub-group 15/2. They met three times in 1968, all in Australia, each scoring a 3-1 win and once settling for a draw. Pictured is a scene from one of these games. (AD)

So it looks as though FIFA is stuck with a highly unsatisfactory situation once again.

And the only good that may come out of it is the hope that for all future World Cups, after Mexico, the FIFA Bureau will spend a bit more time studying the map when preparing the groups. Because it is rather odd that while countries in Europe can play their elimination matches literally within a few hundred miles from home, a team like New Zealand should be asked to travel some 16,000 miles, back and forth, only for the dubious pleasure of playing two matches—and then being eliminated.

Optimism somewhat premature

writes LESLIE VERNON

NEWCASTLE UNITED were the last team in football history to have won the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup. From next season this competition will be called European Fairs Cup, according to the decision made by the committee during their recent meeting in Budapest.

This change of label was obviously a step in the right direction, although I would have done away with the word "Fairs" altogether since the competing teams have no connection with trade fairs whatsoever. Clubs in future will be selected on merit alone as in the past, and for one more year the tournament will be run by a three-man band headed by Sir Stanley Rous.

In season 1970–71, UEFA will take over the EFC, but this proposed change has been announced so many times in the past that I'll believe it when I see it happen. The present set-up, although not perfect, is doing a reasonable job and most of the small reforms introduced for the coming year are praiseworthy. My only quarrel is with the "one-city-one-club" rule. This unfair discrimination was actually voted against by 22 delegates, but failed to get the two-thirds majority.

Why should there always be this bugbear of two-thirds majority? In a democratic assembly, the wishes of the majority should prevail whether it is only by a single vote or by an overwhelming landslide. The 64 clubs accepted out of the 90 applicants are more equally divided between the member countries than last year, and this will make the competition less one-sided and better supported.

The competing teams for the 1969–70 tournament are: four each from W. Germany, Portugal, England, Italy, and Spain; three each from Scotland, Belgium, Yugoslavia, and France; two each from Denmark, N. Ireland, Norway, Hungary, Holland, Greece, Rumania, Czechoslovakia, E. Germany, Switzerland, Bulgaria, Austria, and Poland; and one each from Sweden, Rep. of Ireland, Iceland, Luxembourg, Malta, and Turkey. The dates of the various rounds are fixed and will, I understand, be strictly adhered to. Bravo! In the past, what was good for the "goose" was not always allowed for the "gander".

While the Fairs Cup goes on in its merry way, a brand new competition has been proposed by some forward-looking UEFA officials. They would like to introduce a European Championship for under-23 teams, exactly on the lines of the senior EC or Nations Cup. England is one of the very few countries who realised years ago the importance of these "junior internationals", and the current successes of the England team are due, to a large extent, to the groundwork done on under-23 level. Several other countries did not fully understand the advantages gained from these friendlies. They thought that 23 was purely an arbitrary age, and that there was very little public support for these matches. The rich English FA could perhaps afford to lose money more readily than the poorer associations, so while our under-23 schemes thrived, the others floundered.

Grooming

Putting these matches on a regular and competitive basis would give the necessary impetus to the grooming of future international players. First, a 21 age-limit was suggested, but then it was agreed that 23 was more advantageous—footballers at that age should be able to step into the full international team without any great difficulty. Details have to be worked out, but I feel that this is a fine idea, which could be instrumental in raising the standard of the game.

"What do you think of England's chances now?" is the question I am asked by the butcher, the baker.... It is usually said with a confident smile—people seem to think that the close season tour was a great success, and that next year's World Cup is already "in the bag".

Hate to be a spoilsport, but I feel that this general feeling of optimism is rather premature. The tour statistically was a 50-50 affair, since we ought to discount the second "unofficial" match against a Mexico "B" eleven. The goalless draw in the Aztec Stadium was a boring match—no sign there of potential world beaters. We must remember that the very same Mexican side lost to Luxembourg and Denmark away, and to Peru at home, only a week before the England match.

The Ramsey team played well when facing Uruguay, but here, once again, the opposition was weakish. Indeed, I expect to see Chile qualify at the expense of mediocre Uruguay.

The Brazil match was truly entertaining, but the fact is that England *were* beaten. Whether the Brazilians' goals were scored in the last 15 minutes or whether Tostao was sitting, kneeling or standing on his head when he scored, is immaterial. Earlier in the year, Yugoslavia (already eliminated from the World Cup) and W. Germany both drew at Rio, and Italy beat Mexico in Central America. Compared with these results, the England tour does not appear to be quite as triumphant as most newspapers made out to be.

On the other hand, the team did play well at times. They have learned a great deal about the prevailing conditions (refereeing, climate, food, crowds, etc.) and it is clear that the South Americans do not seem to be able or willing to change their own style of play. They still do not know how to tackle properly, their defensive marking system is outdated and they invariably come off second best when in bodily contact with a well-built European player. The signs are encouraging, but England have a long, hard road ahead of them if they want to start favourites for the Cup.

The South Americans, especially Argentina, will be very, very difficult to beat in Mexico, and the best of the other Europeans (Italy, W. Germany) have as good a chance as England to lift the trophy. Sorry, my friends, there is nothing to smile about —yet!

Of all people, the Italians are getting fed up with defensive football! They propose to introduce a system for juniors and amateurs, which would make a goalless draw a losing match for both sides. In other words, no points would be given for 0-0 on the league table! The intentions behind such moves are commendable, but the idea itself is just as silly as the one which would abolish the points system and count only the goals scored instead. Drawing a match should not be as bad as losing one!

Cynical

If this "reform" is accepted, what would prevent these youth teams starting off by scoring a quick goal each before settling down to their usual dull display of *catenaccio*. Or, the point-saving goals could be "arranged" during the last ten minutes, when it is obvious that otherwise the game would finish 0-0! Cynical? No, just realistic, basing my opinion on what I know of managers and players.

The pattern of football must be changed, we have all had enough of massed defences.

But these unworkable schemes are worse than no action at all, because they evade the issue, and give the false impression that something is being done. Besides, this particular chestnut practically encourages young players to cheat, and its influence could be corruptive.

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BRIAN GLANVILLE

travelled with the England party on the recent tour of Mexico, Uruguay and Brazil.

Tostao is very fast

NO one who thought about it objectively could ever have believed that the results of England's Latin American tour were of more than relative importance. That 0-0 draw in Mexico was, for example, a travesty of the real difference between the two teams: at sea level, England must surely have won by three or four goals, as their secondary team did a few days later, in Guadalajara. The defeat in Rio was a deep disappointment to the players, snatched from them as it was in the closing minutes, after they had seemingly done enough to win. "The Brazilians," as one of them said with some bitterness, "had settled for a 1-0 defeat." But then, you just cannot discount the Brazilians, even when they appear to be tactically at sea and lacking in rhythm. Up comes a Tostao or a Jairzinho, as they did in this case, to destroy the careful work of 70 studied minutes. "Both teams," said Joao Saldanha, the new Brazilian team manager, "played patiently," and one sees what he means.

Brazil, as the lean, dark, amiable Saldanha realises, have an awfully long way to go. Pelé is no longer the irresistible force of old; it was particularly noticeable that England did not even have to detail a man to hound him, as Stiles did Eusebio in the 1966 World Cup semi-final. Alan Mullery, clearly, had more of a brief to look after him than anybody else, but he did not subordinate his game to the task. Both Mullery and Moore remarked that they were "disappointed" in Pelé; the general feeling among the English players was that he wanted to turn round on every ball.

APPETITE

My own impression was that, despite one or two lovely touches and some killingly dangerous short bursts, Pelé has lost much of his appetite for the battle; and what else could one expect, after nearly 11 years at the top, 11 years of searing publicity, sometimes brutal marking, and endless expectation? Though he is playing well up the field, he does not manifest his old eagerness for the goalmouth battle. It is just as well for Brazil that Tostao, the Cruzieros player from Belo Horizonte, who was a mere 19 years old at the time of the last World Cup, should have matured into such a dangerous and determined striker. He is very fast, a splendid mover with the smoothest of accelerations, and, as we saw in the first Brazilian goal against England, he is awfully good at snapping up the half chance.

Jairzinho is not quite all that has been written about him this year; indeed, for 70 minutes the stern challenge of Keith Newton kept him quiet to the point of ineffectuality; but at the end, when England tired, he suddenly came to life again, played a part in one goal, and of course scored the other.

MIDFIELD

Gerson needs a better partner than Clodoaldo in midfield, though the young Santos player has plenty of time to improve, while the back four, all Santos men—Carlos Alberto, Joel, Djalma Dias and Rildo, looks anything but watertight. In these days of all purpose, perpetual motion football, the Brazilians will just have to start doing things faster. Change of rhythm, as one saw for 70 minutes of the England match, isn't enough, when a team can get back as fast as England to form a web around their own goal.

On the other hand, can England play their tiring, self-sacrificing game in Guadalajara, where it is going to be obscenely hot in the afternoons, and it's the afternoons when they must, absurdly, play? Sir Alf Ramsey points out that the heat is at least a dry heat, where Rio is so humid, and that players like Martin Peters, Geoff Hurst and Bobby Moore, who toured America with West Ham, stood up awfully well under the difficult conditions. I am not so sure, but it is encouraging to know that Ramsey is studying the new World Cup rules of 13 men a side, and their implications. He made use of substitutes in Guadalajara, giving Peters and Ball the instructions to burn themselves out in the first half, when the game was won; what a pity he didn't try it again in Rio, where by the end so many England players were manifestly exhausted.

PERPLEXING

What he did learn on the tour was that he has an impressive depth of reserves. Colin Bell, though he is still inclined to burn himself out in the first half with the phenomenal amount of his running, has thoroughly established himself as an international player, so much so that there is a perplexing problem of what to do with Bobby Charlton. Certainly he can't be played as a front runner, as England half-heartedly tried to do in Rio, for then he becomes neither fish nor fowl.

Francis Lee's cardinal importance to the team was demonstrated as much by his absence in Rio as by his excellent presence in Mexico City and Montevideo; where the lack of Rocha and Mazurkiewiecz made it hard to judge the Uruguayans. One suspects that they have the same problems of rhythm as the Brazilians, but a good deal less talent in the firing line, even if the tubby, dark little Cubilla has his moments of inspiration.

JUDGEMENT

Much has been written about the problem of interpreting the rules, but after we had all lamented the irritating refereeing of Armando Marques, the Brazilian, which might have cost England the game in Montevideo, we were presented with as good a young Uruguayan referee in Rio as you could have wished; courageous, energetic, and thoroughly sound in his judgement of the tackle. The point raised by Marques—and, in his turn, Saldanha—that the English type of tackle would make it impossible to finish any South American game, seemed rather to go by the board.

If I have said little about the Mexicans, it is because there is little to say. Borja remains a dangerous striker, but there is a curious lack of development about Mexican football, a strange lack of technique and, perhaps above all, confidence. It is hard to see them reaching the quarter-finals in 1970, altitude or no altitude.

COLIN BELL (McLennan)

DATE	GROUP 1 Mexico City Match No.	teams	GROUP 2 Puebla-Toluca Match No.	teams	GROUP 3 Guadalajara Match No.	teams	GROUP 4 Leon Match No.	teams
May 31	1	1 – 2						
June 2			2	5 – 6	3	9 – 10	4	13 – 14
June 3	5	3 – 4	6	7 – 8	7	11 – 12	8	15 – 16
June 6	9	1 – 3	10	5 – 7	11	9 – 11	12	13 – 15
June 7	13	2 – 4	14	6 – 8	15	10 – 12	16	14 – 16
June 10	17	1 – 4	18	5 – 8	19	9 – 12	20	13 – 16
June 11	21	2 – 3	22	6 – 7	23	10 – 11	24	14 – 15
Quarter-finals								
June 14	25	WG1 – SG2	26	WG2 – SG1	27	WG3 – SG4	28	WG4 – SG3
Semi-finals								
June 17	29	Semi-final			30	Semi-final		
3rd/4th place								
June 20	31	3rd/4th place						
FINAL								
June 21	32	FINAL						

WG = Winner of group. SG = Second of group.

MEXICO '70

Kick-off times

The matches during weekdays will start at 4 p.m. and matches on Sundays at 12 noon.

Groups and numbering

The formation of groups will be made on January 10, 1970, in a public session in Mexico City. When the four teams of the different groups are known (by seeding and/or a draw) the teams will be numbered by drawing lots.

Group 1 from 1 – 4
Group 2 from 5 – 8
Group 3 from 9 – 12
Group 4 from 13 – 16

It has already been decided that Mexico will play in Group 1 and England in Group 3 and that both teams will play the first match of their group. Therefore Mexico will have either Number 1 or 2 and England Number 9 or 10.

Semi-finals

According to the regulations of the competition, the opposing teams for the two semi-finals will be determined as follows:

Winner of match 25 versus winner of match 27

Winner of match 26 versus winner of match 28

The semi-finals will be assigned to the venues selected (Azteca Stadium, Mexico City and Jalisco Stadium, Guadalajara) by the FIFA Organising Committee as soon as the semi-finalists are known.

Footballs

The matches of the final rounds will be played with Adidas footballs. Three different types of football will be available at each match and the referee in charge will choose the ball to be used: one is white and black panels, one white (specially impregnated for wet ground) and the normal yellow coloured ball.

Qualifying round dates

Group 15, Sub-Group 15.1: A double round tournament will be organised by the FA of South Korea in Seoul from October 10 to October 24, 1969.

Group 15, Sub-Group 15.2: A tournament will be organised by the FA of Israel between October 1 and October 15, 1969.

Group I: With two home matches to play, against Portugal and Greece, the Rumanians are strong favourites to top this group. Switzerland have to meet Portugal on their own territory, but travel to Greece, where Rumania managed a point.

Group II: A shock defeat for Hungary in Denmark has given renewed hope for the Czechs, who won 3-0 in Copenhagen. Undoubtedly the match that should decide who goes forward from this group will be the Czechoslovakia versus Hungary clash on September 14.

Group III: Italy should have little trouble topping this group, with home matches against Wales and East Germany both scheduled for November. East Germany, however, are not without hope.

Group IV: September sees the first meeting of Northern Ireland and Russia. The USSR are, of course, favourites, but the Irish, given a full-strength team, are more than capable of upsetting the odds and clinching a shock place in Mexico.

Group V: Sweden have almost guaranteed their berth in Mexico, although they still have to face France both home and away. These matches will take place in October and November. The French, naturally, are still smarting from that surprising home defeat against Norway.

Group VI: Belgium have already qualified for the finals, which leaves such fashionable soccer powers as Yugoslavia and Spain out in the cold. Belgium have one match to play, away to Yugoslavia in October.

Group VII: Two matches only to play in this group, and both involve Scotland. They meet West Germany on October 22 and Austria on November 5. Victory in Germany would give the Scots a magnificent chance of qualification, but at present the Germans appear too strong.

Group VIII: Bulgaria have won all their three matches to date—but all have been at home. Nevertheless, they have also maintained a healthy goal-average and, with a visit to Luxembourg still to be arranged, should get through without any scars.

Other Groups: El Salvadore got through a play-off against Honduras in Mexico City to progress to the next round of their section, where they will meet Haiti for the right to represent Group XIII. Tunisia and Morocco also fought a play-off, which ended 2-2, with Morocco progressing on the toss of a coin. Morocco now join the Sudan and Nigeria in the last stages of the African group. In Group XV, qualification matches will be staged in Israel and South Korea later this year,

by ERIC WEIL

Estudiantes retain title

Boca Juniors forward Angel Rojas attempts to beat Estudiantes defender Malbernat. (EW)

ESTUDIANTES de La Plata has won the "Libertadores de America" Cup, the South American Club Championship, for the second year running and now defends the world title (won against Manchester United last year) against the European Cup winners, Milan, in October.

The ten-year-old "Libertadores" cup has now been won five times by Argentine clubs (Independiente, Racing and Estudiantes), three times by Uruguayan club, Peñarol (who have held it most), and only twice by Brazil (Santos) whose clubs have not always participated.

As holders, Estudiantes had a bye into the semi-finals and only had to play four games to retain the cup. These turned out to be easier than expected. In the semi finals Chile's Universidad Catolica was beaten 3-1 home and away, while in the final, versus Nacional (Uruguay), Estudiantes won the away leg 1-0 and then at home by 2-0.

In these games Estudiantes played above their usual league form of this season, but only just for long enough to win the games. In the second leg against Universidad Catolica, a team playing pretty but ineffective soccer, Estudiantes could have won by a big score, but with a 3-1 half-time lead they went on the defensive and no further goals were scored.

Estudiantes played for a draw in the first leg of the final at Montevideo, but won with a goal scored by Flores in the latter stages. It was one of their "laboratory" goals on which they had been working for weeks. Estudiantes were awarded a free kick 25 yards from goal. While Bilardo lined up with the Nacional "wall" to make himself a nuisance, Veron jumped over the ball, followed by Conigliaro. Then Madero just side-footed it for Flores to send in a terrific, well-aimed shot.

Between two teams playing 4-3-3 and with stronger defences than attacks, goals were hardly expected. At first Nacional's quick passing caused Estudiantes a bit of worry, but the Argentine team soon managed to slow down the pace and spoilt Nacional's rhythm with their usual time-wasting. Nacional did most of the attacking, but Estudiantes allowed it by pulling back a lot of players into defence and only Conigliaro stayed up constantly. A disconnected Estudiantes attack caused the tall, but slow Nacional defence little worry and the goal they scored came in the only way it could have come, even if the game had gone on all night. Nacional's attacks were much more direct, but their danger men were well marked out of the game (Prieto by Pachamé, Montero Castillo by Flores, Esparrago by Bilardo, Garcia by Madero) and goalkeeper, Poletti, was also not unduly worried.

It spite of their lead after the away leg, Estudiantes were not prepared to risk much at home and used safety first tactics, although there was little doubt that they were the superior team.

Nacional advanced from the kick-off and as Cubilla raced Poletti for the ball, the former kicked the Estudiantes goalkeeper. This set the scene for a game in which players of both teams were more intent on injuring each other than getting the ball. Colombian referee, Omar Delgado, was quite powerless to stop it. Fouls and stoppages came at the rate of over one a minute at times and there were many the referee didn't see. Perhaps he was right not to stop the game for every unlawful incident. Otherwise there would have been no play at all. And perhaps he was right not to send off the players who should have gone off, because there wouldn't have been enough left on the field to carry on the game!

For most of the time this match looked like a street corner kick-about with a crowd of players chasing the ball, often holding on to it too long and sending passes to opponents. Only the occasional "blackboard moves" by Estudiantes enlivened the proceedings. Estudiantes attacked more in the first half. After 32 minutes Madero put a free-kick right on to the head of Flores who nodded it into the net. Five minutes later Conigliaro scored from a defence rebound following a precision centre from Pachamé.

Nacional's defence was safe in the air, but slow on the ground. Their forwards were often caught in the La Plata team's famed off-side trap and didn't make use of several home defence mix-ups. The second half was worse than the first. Estudiantes went on the defensive and as Nacional dominated more, their lack of resources in attack were plain to see. Even so, in between the needless fouls, stoppages and arguments, the Uruguayans did come close to scoring a few times.

Just before the final whistle, a foul by Nacional's Montero Castillo started most of the players fighting and as police, numerous photographers and others crowded round, it looked as if the game would not finish.

Aguirre Suarez (Estudiantes) clears with a classical "Chilena" as Daniel Onega (River Plate) rushes in. (EW)

This wasn't a goal, Conigliaro (Estudiantes) in white shirt jumps to shoot from close in, but Cejas (Racing) saves. (EW)

When order was finally restored, no players were sent off and no extra time added . . . which was a good thing.

THE SAME FACES

The Estudiantes team which won the 1969 Libertadores Cup was virtually the same which beat Manchester United last year. Flores, who was injured and could not play against Manchester, is back but in the middle line replacing utility man, Togneri, who moved back into defence in place of Medina.

Only two players were bought as cover for the first team pool this season—goalkeeper Errea from Boca Juniors and forward Rudsky from Deportivo Español. Both have hardly played in the First Division, but did make brief appearances in the "Libertadores" cup games.

Estudiantes haven't changed their technique either (they were analysed in WORLD SOCCER, September 1968) but they have perfected it. They are scoring a bigger proportion of goals from pre-arranged moves—mostly following corners and free kicks. They are more expert now at changing the pace of a game (which generally means slowing it down). Time wasting and angering of opponents is still in evidence, but they have also got better at this because they are getting fewer players sent off.

But the actual soccer Estudiantes play hasn't improved. Yet it brings results, which is the main thing. It was only natural that after winning important cup games, the players would find it hard to show the same spirit in league matches. Without being bad, their league record this season has not been what could be expected of world champions, but with the approach of the cup games, there was suddenly a new sense of urgency in their league encounters which brought them four wins in a row during which 14 goals to one were scored. Since winning the "Libertadores" Cup and up to Press time, Estudiantes have taken 12 points from seven games, mostly with one-goal wins.

There has thus been no slacking this time, but then the team has not been so exerted as last year when they had to play 16 games to win the cup.

As was the case last season, Estudiantes have rarely fielded the same line-up in two games running in the league, but team work did not suffer, nor did their system change with reserves fitting into the machine perfectly.

The question continues to be asked why Estudiantes seldom open out and go for all-out attack instead of over-concentration on defence when faced with obviously inferior teams? One reason is that they are too conscious of their own limitations—a strange thing to say about world champions, but it may be one of their biggest advantages. They fear their rivals and as a result, good players are seldom successful against Estudiantes as they are carefully marked out of the game.

In coach Osvaldo Zubeldia's opinion, Estudiantes are better now than when they played Manchester United, but not back to their top form. The team is not tired out by any means after three years at the top without any changes. In fact, he is sure Estudiantes has a team for a long time yet.

Zubeldia also said something which could be a lesson for other coaches and a reason for the La Plata team's dominance. "Inside every player there's a human being and Estudiantes have become what they are because we always bear this in mind. We also preserve our humility. At the start of the season, for example, we went for training to the same small hotel at the same second-rate seaside resort as before, in spite of being world champions."

"LIBERTADORES DE AMERICA" CUP

(South American Club Championship)

	Champion	Finalist
1960	Peñarol (Uruguay)	Olimpia (Paraguay)
1961	Peñarol (Uruguay)	Palmeiras (Brazil)
1962	Santos (Brazil)	Peñarol (Uruguay)
1963	Santos (Brazil)	Boca Juniors (Argentina)
1964	Independiente (Argentina)	Nacional (Uruguay)
1965	Independiente (Argentina)	Peñarol (Uruguay)
1966	Peñarol (Uruguay)	River Plate (Argentina)
1967	Racing Club (Argentina)	Nacional (Uruguay)
1968	Estudiantes (Argentina)	Palmeiras (Brazil)
1969	Estudiantes (Argentina)	Nacional (Uruguay)

DATELINE DIARY

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diplomatic relations on Friday after riots caused by a football match. El Salvadore charged that after its side beat Honduras in a World Cup qualifying match (in San Salvador) 11,700 Salvadoreans living in Honduras had to flee because of violent persecution.

JUNE 30

MOSCOW: Young Soviet footballers are under fire from the sport's old-timers, who claim that the new generation is apathetic and lacks the will to win. The charge was levelled by 15 veteran internationals who felt so strongly about falling standards that they wrote a letter of complaint to the Communist Party newspaper *Pravda*.

Former Soviet national team trainer Moroov and other long-time stars warned that declining standards of play could mean that the Soviet side would fail to qualify for the 1970 World Cup in Mexico. The letter followed a foul-ridden start to the soccer season, which has been distinguished by a series of dull, uninspiring matches both in the national league and preliminary matches of the home cup.

"There has hardly been one match which the players showed both technical skill and a will to win," the veterans wrote to *Pravda*. "The weakness of many matches this season is due above all to apathy and even indifference of some players, both towards the success of their clubs and Soviet football in general." The stars said the same reasons lay behind a rash of dirty play at the start of the season which saw four players sent off within ten days, many others barred and 24-year-old international Anatoly Banishevsky barred for two years.

This followed disclosures that last year's league competition was one of the dirtiest ever in Soviet soccer with 56 players sent off and 70 banned for various reasons. The veterans were particularly aroused because, they said, the technical skills of the present generation were at a much higher level than in the past. "That is natural," they wrote, "in training young players the veterans have passed on everything which they themselves learned in their long playing years."

Milan cash in on their triumph

EUROPEAN champions AC Milan were not slow to cash in on their newly won title. For three friendly games in America at the end of July, they demanded and collected the cool sum of £40,000, which is considerably more than usually offered to teams like Santos—with Pelé—or even to Real Madrid in their heyday.

The redoubtable Madrilenos used to ask and received £10,000 per match, to be deposited with the local Spanish embassy or consulate; they insisted on wearing their all-white strip, on being allowed to substitute at least three players, on a neutral referee and the playing of their national anthem. AC Milan could not care less about these "accessories", for their chief concern is the colour of money, preferably in hard currency.

Their 15 home league games netted £1,350,000 while receipts from European Cup fixtures totalled a further £350,000. Little wonder that they were able to reward their players with a bonus of £6,000 per man and manager Nereo Rocco pocketed £7,000.

Milan are prepared to spend big money to strengthen and rejuvenate their team for next season's league campaign and defence of the European Champions trophy. Swedish veteran Kurt Hamrin, nearing 35, has been released, whilst in his place Franco-Argentinian centre-forward Nestor Combin (29), probably the hardest shot in the country, has already been engaged from Torino for 259 million lire (£172,600) plus a half-interest in right-winger Carlo Petrini.

High on their list of priorities is also Napoli's international linkman Antonio Juliano. Proportionately, the European Cup remains the most lucrative tournament in the world and one look at the table below confirms the enormous popularity of this competition:

	Total gates	Average per match
1955-56	912,000	31,450
1956-57	1,786,000	40,590
1957-58	1,790,000	37,290
1958-59	2,010,000	36,545
1959-60	2,780,000	50,545
1960-61	1,850,000	36,274
1961-62	2,315,000	45,727
1962-63	2,158,000	36,593
1963-64	2,180,000	35,737
1964-65	2,577,000	41,564
1965-66	2,113,000	36,431
1966-67	2,248,000	34,584
1967-68	2,544,000	42,400
1968-69	2,056,000	39,540

EURO-CUP FIGURES

Last season's top attraction were the two finalists, AC Milan who drew on average 61,860 fans for their home and away games.

KURT HAMRIN.

followed by Ajax Amsterdam, watched by 56,500 per match. The highest attendances were registered for Real Madrid v. Rapid Vienna 100,000, then AC Milan v. Manchester United 80,000, plus Celtic's clashes with St. Etienne and AC Milan, each attracting 75,000.

In the negative sense, the games Reipas Lahti v. Floriana Malta before only 2,000 plus Jeunesse Esch v. AEK Athens and Rapid v. Rosenborg each with 6,000 represented the lowest gates. The season also produced a rarity in Vienna where for the first time in the history of the European Cup a double bill was staged. 43,000 fans saw Rapid v. Real Madrid preceded by Reipas v. Spartak Trnava.

In the 52 games there were 31 home wins, 11 draws and eight away victories, plus two matches on neutral grounds. One hundred and seventy-six goals were scored, namely 117 by home teams and 44 by the visitors. Fifteen further goals came on neutral grounds. The highest wins were achieved by Spartak Trnava 9-1 and 7-1 against Reipas; 8-1 by Benfica v. Valur and 7-1 by Manchester United v. Waterford.

Leading goalscorers: Denis Law (Manchester United) 9; Cruyff (Ajax) and Prati (AC Milan) 6; Adamec, Svec (both Spartak) and Torres (Benfica) 5; Bergholtz (Anderlecht), Iversen (Rosenborg), Kuna (Spartak) and Pirri (Real Madrid) 4.

By comparison, gates in the Cup Winners Cup have declined sharply—possibly due to a number of lesser known newcomers to the European scene, including several beaten cup finalists, plus Second Division sides. Here are the figures:

	Total gates	Average per match
1960-61	290,000	16,111
1961-62	650,000	14,773
1962-63	1,100,000	22,916
1963-64	1,300,000	20,967
1964-65	1,100,000	18,032
1965-66	1,546,000	26,203
1966-67	1,556,000	25,508
1967-68	1,683,000	26,269
1968-69	965,000	18,921

Top attendances: Barcelona v. Cologne 70,000; Barcelona v. Lugano and Porto v. Cardiff each 50,000, and Cologne v. Barcelona 45,000.

One hundred and fifty-seven goals were scored in 51 games for an average of 3.08 per match as compared with the Champions' Cup average of 3.40. Leading scorers: Rühl (Cologne) 6; Gaardsö (Randers), Hultberg (Norrköping) and Jan Capkovic (Slovan) 5; Fusté (Barcelona), Jokl (Slovan), Pinto (Porto), Johannesen (Lyn Oslo) and Callaghan (Dunfermline) 4.

MERKEL RIDES AGAIN!

ONE of Europe's greatest managerial characters, Austrian-born Max Merkel, who last season led West Germany's FC Nürnberg to the championship but this year left the sinking club, before they were relegated, is now on the threshold of another, possibly just as turbulent spell, this time in sunny Spain.

Not even Miguel Muñoz of Real Madrid earns as much money as Merkel has been guaranteed by the FC Sevilla. Even as he was signing the contract worth £13,300 net, per annum, in the lavishly decorated Hotel Carlton in Madrid, the wily Max could not restrain himself from saying: "It's a long time since I worked for such a small salary." To which Seville's sharp-witted president José Ramos Csineros, a lawyer by profession and a father of seven, promptly retorted: "And I have never paid so much for a soccer coach!"

Football in Seville, with a population of 700,000, has always enjoyed a boom. Forty to fifty thousand fans turn out on average at soccer matches, although FC Savilla had precious little to offer in recent years. In 1935, 1939 and 1948 they were champions of Spain but that's a long way back. Two years ago the team was relegated from the First Division, but now they achieved promotion.

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Señor Csineros has evidently studied Merkel's past in detail and obviously regards him as a man capable of restoring the club to its former glory. Anyway, they preferred him to Ladislav Kubala, for Merkel impressed the professional management of Seville who also boast four satellite teams.

Curiously enough, Cadiz and Huelva have also been playing in the same division as their mother-club. If need be, Merkel can draw on the best players from those "nurseries". All this may have persuaded Max to try his luck here. He, the champion-maker, badly needs rehabilitation before the international soccer fraternity, after his reputation suffered as a result of Nürnberg's slump.

In the German Bundesliga there was a definite anti-Merkel atmosphere. But, especially in Spain, the man with the whip and the sweetener will not find it easy to ride on a wave of success. He doesn't know the local conditions nor the opposition and will therefore find it tough to prepare his own side. An even greater problem will be that of language for soccer wisdom through an interpreter cannot be imparted quite so easily.

One can look forward with interest to Merkel's future with the FC Sevilla. Officially he starts his duties on August 10. Merkel hopes that the ban on imports of foreigners is lifted in Spain, so perhaps he can buy a good German player for his new club. Preferably one who speaks Spanish fluently . . .

MANY HAPPY RETURNS . . .

. . . to one of the greatest goalkeepers of all time: Frantisek Planicka of Czechoslovakia, who on June 2 celebrated his 65th birthday. Prague's soccer prominence fêted the country's most popular player whose hair is now white, but whose spirit is just as lively as ever.

This legendary 'keeper of the 'thirties, rated the best in the world alongside Spain's Ricardo Zamora, retains his youthful outlook through sport. Even today Planicka turns out between the posts for a veteran's XI and displays skill to be envied by youngsters. His name is forever linked with some of Czechoslovakia's greatest pre-war triumphs. He kept goal in 74 internationals and only one Czech player has received more call-ups: the post-war captain of Dukla Prague, full-back Ladislav Novak, capped 75 times. During 15 years, Planicka played 1,000 games for Slavia Prague with whom he gained Bohemian and national championship medals.

In 1934 he was the hero of the World Cup finalists who lost to Italy 1-2 in Rome only after extra time. Today, Frantisek, many times a grandfather, travels across the land to lecture on the golden era of the 1930s. He rarely misses a big game and keeps up a steady correspondence with his former great rival Zamora. Good luck, Frantisek — your name will never be forgotten!

ANTI-ITALIAN DOGS!

EVEN such an innocent competition as the Alpine Cup has managed to provoke a slanging match between the Swiss and Italian press, on the eve of the final contested by Switzerland's new champions Basle and Italy's Bologna.

The trouble was initiated during Basle's last group match—which they lost at home by 2-3 to Napoli—when some exuberant Italian guest-workers, whose loneliness is occasionally relieved by visits of their beloved soccer teams, swarmed on the pitch to celebrate at half-time, but were cruelly chased off by Swiss police, or strictly speaking, their ferocious looking Alsatian dogs, one of whom had apparently mistaken an Italian fan's posterior for his dinner and sank his teeth where it hurts most.

Ignoring the fact that bottles were hurled at police and German referee Kreitlein (he is still around!), the visiting reporters screamed *assasini* and charged the hosts with anti-Italian activities, especially after the Swiss paper *Blick* came out with the unfortunate suggestion that admission prices for the final should be raised, with a minimum at £2—in order to "punish" the poorer Italians! But despite the whipped-up feelings, the final turned out to be a tame affair —Basle winning 3-1, peacefully.

Into this season's Alpine Cup they even dragged in Waregem from Belgium (has anybody heard of the Belgian Alps?), but as for a dog biting a man—well, had it been the other way round, it might have merited a headline . . .

"Football is better now ...but more difficult to play"

says

ALBERT BATTEUX

in an interview with

ERIC BATTY

FOOTBALL is better now than it has ever been before, but to play under modern conditions is far more demanding and much more difficult. To play in the highest class today, a player must have a greater range of qualities than before the war. Now it is not enough merely to have good technique (talent).

Above all, the modern player must have very good physical condition; he must be superbly fit and build up a great resistance to fatigue. Then he must have really good technique—be able to control the ball with one touch of any part of his body and be able to pass and shoot accurately first time. Finally he must be intelligent and be able to integrate himself within the organisation of the team.

Summing up, we can say that the ideal football is played by athletes with good technique—but if they are not also intelligent then it's no good at all.

Established

In France, football is not well established as it is in England. It is vital that we devote a great deal of energy to the game at all levels. In particular the organisation of schools football and at youth level in France falls far short of the broad base established in England. And at national level we have a great deal to do.

At one time it seemed that all this hard work was not necessary, for the French national team did very well using Reims as the base of the team. Now Reims *a disparu*.

French journalists create a lot of problems for the game here and cause a great deal of confusion and confused thinking. Every week they are arguing amongst themselves in print about which is the best tactical system. Some advocate attacking football; others the *beton* and more insist that the defence in line is the answer. They don't seem to understand that the development of good players is the vital thing. All the teams in France play to different methods and players are limited in their development by the tactics imposed on them by their clubs.

There is a movement going on in France today towards a more athletic game based on better physical condition, but less technical. The journalists criticise this because they fail to understand that it is necessary. But, of course, it isn't enough on its own—the improvement in the physical aspect must be accompanied by a new swing towards technique and team-play.

Many people are now promoting the British game as the model on which we should all set our sights. But the problem is not that simple. There are qualities in the British game that we would do well to develop in France, but looking around at the best British teams they still are far short of the ideal game I have in mind.

Celtic, for example, are a useful team, solid, modern in outlook and with good technique. If their collective intelligence and imagination matched the other qualities they would be outstanding. Manchester United are not the ideal either. Best dribbles too much—beats his team-mates as often as he beats opponents, and Law has not lived up to his reputation when I've seen him.

In my opinion the British don't pay enough attention to the analysis of game situations. The result is that the players don't understand and can't anticipate what will happen next. So they wait to see where the ball goes and then rush to fight for it!

During the World Cup, England deserved to beat Portugal and West Germany, but in earlier matches their limitations were exposed to those who wanted to see them. Against France—a French team that was far from sensational—England were not good at all. I can't understand how players of very severe limitations like Hunt and Stiles could be included in a team that earned widespread applause. Very rarely did England produce any signs of well-developed team play. Hardly even a one-two.

The most essential factor in football today is the *technique de passe*. The coach must take two or three players in a game situation and explaining the principles involved, show them the various passing possibilities. From defence the players must be asked to "play the ball out" . . . not kick it. Everything depends on the players' understanding of this vital point—play the ball, don't kick it. The essential elements in the game are retaining possession while making progress towards goal, mobility of the players around the ball and getting marked players to move to get un-marked.

Football is better now just as every other aspect of life is better. But it is not a science and so we can't be sure. We cannot weigh the modern game against that played 20 years ago and prove it. Of course many games of the past were more spectacular, more entertaining.

Trainer

For example, when I was the trainer of Reims back in 1956 we played Real Madrid in the first European Cup final. We lost 4-3 but it was a fine game. Not long ago I saw the Ajax-Benfica play-off in Paris and it was a bad match. More fight, more combat, but not football, if one uses Reims v. Madrid in 1956 as the yard-stick.

Within the game we understand football better now than ever before, though, unfortunately, this does not necessarily mean that the most successful teams are the best. If clubs pay big money like AC Milan, Celtic and Manchester United, then anyone can win championships and cups if they have good players.

The money you pay buys hard work from the players—in training and in match play—and in any game if you have eleven good players, all working hard, then you are half-way there already.

But if you have complete players—physically fit, with good technique and all understanding the technique de passe. Then with all these things, if the players are intelligent, then you can play real football.

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20 players each and Billy will have complete freedom to assist all players—from the established stars to the raw recruits—in the developing of individual talents.

Across the city at the Oval player-manager Peter McParland explained why he has been holding trials: "We get boys in the 15-16 years age group coming to us for a game and I feel they should be given an opportunity of showing just what they can do."

At Grosvenor Park—where a £40,000 social club is being planned by the Development Committee — manager Jimmy McAlinden's recent appointment of former "stand-in" Glenaven boss Joe Kinkead to run the youth squad has brought in several requests from parents for trials for their boys—and Jimmy is only too happy to give the boys a chance: "I'm firmly convinced that our future lies in youth."

But a recent suggestion from Linfield president Albert Walmsley set up an interesting series of arguments. At a recent club dinner he said it was time the "holes in the net" were plugged to stop young players leaving here for cross-Channel clubs before they have played for Irish League clubs.

Mr. Walmsley further suggested that many of the lads who go to English or Scottish clubs straight from school are immature and return disappointed that it wasn't all roses. I put these points to one of Ireland's top scouts—Jim Emery who looks after the interests of Derby County here — and he came back with an attack on the attitude of clubs who very often don't give youngsters a fair chance: "Too many clubs here are still bringing over boatloads of old stagers who have been with 50 clubs in England or Scotland, while good young players are doomed to the "B" Division. When a young lad is put into the first team the fans seldom give him a chance—if he isn't Stanley Matthews after half-an-hour he's a bum — and the directors want to know why he was played. A manager can't risk that sort of thing every time he plays a young lad. And while clubs insist in bringing over boatloads of players from England young lads are entitled to try their luck elsewhere."

TARTAN TURF . . .

is the answer

A DECISIVE step was taken recently in football's behind-the-scenes campaign for better playing surfaces when the first professional soccer match was played on Tartan Turf by two British clubs in America.

The clubs were West Ham United and Dundee United, and the game was staged at the new Civic Stadium, in Portland, Oregon, under the sponsorship of the 3M Company, the makers of Tartan Turf.

It was declared an overwhelming success by both teams—and the questions posed all pointed, in a very positive fashion, in the same direction; where do we go from here?

Although the game resulted in a runaway 8-2 victory for West Ham, the new surface could not have had a more rigorous first test. The East London club—with their three England World Cup stars on parade—turned on a super-soccer performance which proved every point in favour of Tartan Turf.

Manager Ron Greenwood, asked about the surface at half-time after watching his side score six goals in the first 30 minutes, said: "Everything they're doing is perfect. It's so easy to do everything perfect. The boys themselves say it's just sheer joy to play on. It's so true—like velvet really."

Geoff Hurst, one of the world's soccer elite, who scored twice in this game, enthused: "You couldn't better that surface to play on. It is probably the best I've ever played on really.

"It is the most consistent surface, and I found I was able to turn on it very, very quickly and very easily," he said.

"If you can't play football on that type of surface, then you can't play football at all."

Martin Peters, rated by Sir Alf Ramsey as another of the world's great players, stressed the true quality of the surface. "You can push the ball about much better," he said. "You can run off the ball and know that it is going to come true to you."

Peters stressed that Tartan Turf brings out more football skills. Bobby Moore, captain of West Ham and England, explained: "When you get a perfect surface like this I think it would make everyone far better players, and it would be a great help to all players with skill and ability. I think you would see a lot more skilful football. If you're looking for perfection then I think that Tartan Turf must aid this."

Ron Greenwood lent support to the feeling that Tartan Turf could bring better and brighter football. "It would make better technique in players. In other words players would have to become more skilful to play on a turf like this."

Dennis Gillespie of Dundee United tackles Martin Peters of West Ham during the first-ever professional soccer match to be played on Tartan Turf.

Tartan Turf—3M claims— is the answer to the muddy pitches and the bone-hard surfaces met at various stages in a European winter. This is the advantage which they visualise as the prime economic factor as far as football clubs are concerned.

This would mean fewer abandoned games, less continual worry for management throughout the winter about possible postponements—and preparation work on the grounds—avoiding end-of-season fixture congestions and complications. Snow can be brushed off the Tartan Turf surface leaving a perfect playing area clear for action. Ice can be cracked and dealt with in similar fashion.

West Ham's game at Portland solved two possible problems that detractors of man-made turf have raised—those of (a) adjustment; (b) abrasion. Bobby Moore answered both these questions: "It doesn't take any time to adjust to Tartan Turf—as you'd see we had adjusted to it after one practice session.

"As for abrasions, I never took a tumble myself but what I can understand from the players who did there didn't seem to be any ill effects whatsoever."

Andy Dickson, trainer of Dundee United confirmed this: "I would say there were no more abrasions than you would get on a natural turf. I would say it was a good turf, a good playing surface."

Phil Woosnam, the former West Ham captain and Welsh internationalist, who is now director of the North American Soccer League—under whose auspices this first Tartan Turf match was played—had the final word:

"You must regard this experiment as a tremendous success. The quality of the play served up by West Ham must be attributed to a certain extent to the surface itself. There were no mistakes because of an awkward bounce of the ball, etc. And they have the skill and the technique and they play so well together as a team. They hit a tremendous standard, particularly in the first half."

Said Ron Greenwood:

"We were able to train on it first of all when it was very wet. During the course of our training session it dried out so we were fortunate to have the two elements in one afternoon.

"In the wet conditions we didn't slip. We did a lot of callisthenics which were related to movements in the game that meant twisting and turning around. Nobody slipped over. We really pushed them to great lengths to try and make them slip over, and this didn't occur. So that was successful. We then played a game and during the course of the game the turf being wet the ball shot off. So this really from a technical point of view — from a soccer coach's point of view — was ideal because it highlighted players that have good technique.

"Now this is ideal because when we play on natural turf we get mud and the ball sticks in the mud. So if I'm a bad player I don't have to worry about my technique because the ball isn't shooting away from me. But on a man-made turf like this — this obviously is one of the assets of it — it would make better technique in players. In other words players would have to become more skilful to play on a turf like this.

"A little later on when it dried out the ball didn't come up as fast. But it was still perfectly true and this was an ideal thing. Because there's no question of ever going to meet a pitch of a ball and the thing shot there or there. If it bounced in front of you, you could rest assured it would come up at you.

"So the whole afternoon to me was very successful. It's not for me to say economic-wise about the cost of the thing but the pitch is ideal. Whether in our country the one thing that we would like to try it on is a question of ice and snow. We don't know that yet."

SOCCERTISTICS

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WORLD CUP LATEST

GROUP ONE

Switzerland 1, Greece 0
Portugal 3, Rumania 0
Rumania 2, Switzerland 0
Greece 4, Portugal 2
Portugal 0, Switzerland 2
Greece 2, Rumania 2
Switzerland 0, Rumania 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Rumania ...	4	2	1	5	5	5
Switzerland ..	4	2	2	3	3	4
Greece	3	1	1	6	5	3
Portugal ...	3	1	2	5	6	2

GROUP TWO

Denmark 0, Czechoslovakia 3
Czechoslovakia 1, Denmark 0
Eire 1, Czechoslovakia 2
Denmark 2, Eire 0
Hungary 2, Czechoslovakia 0
Eire 1, Hungary 2
Denmark 3, Hungary 2

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Czecho'vakia	4	3	1	6	3	6
Hungary ...	3	2	1	6	4	4
Denmark ...	4	2	2	5	6	4
Eire	3	0	3	2	6	0

GROUP THREE

Wales 0, Italy 1
East Germany 2, Italy 2
East Germany 2, Wales 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Italy	2	1	0	3	2	3
E. Germany	2	1	0	4	3	3
Wales	2	0	1	1	3	0

GROUP FOUR

Northern Ireland 4, Turkey 1
Turkey 0, Northern Ireland 3

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
N. Ireland...	2	2	0	7	1	4
USSR	0	0	0	0	0	4
Turkey	2	0	2	1	7	0

GROUP FIVE

Sweden 5, Norway 0
France 0, Norway 1
Norway 2, Sweden 5

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Sweden	2	2	0	10	2	4
Norway ...	3	1	2	3	10	2
France	1	0	1	0	1	0

GROUP SIX

Finland 1, Belgium 2
Yugoslavia 9, Finland 1
Belgium 6, Finland 1
Belgium 3, Yugoslavia 0
Yugoslavia 0, Spain 0
Spain 1, Belgium 1
Belgium 2, Spain 1
Spain 2, Yugoslavia 1
Finland 1, Yugoslavia 5

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Belgium ...	5	4	0	14	4	9
Yugoslavia...	5	2	2	15	7	5
Spain	4	1	1	4	4	4
Finland	4	0	4	4	22	0

GROUP SEVEN

Austria 7, Cyprus 1
Austria 0, West Germany 2
Cyprus 0, West Germany 1
Scotland 2, Austria 1
Cyprus 0, Scotland 5
Scotland 1, West Germany 1
Cyprus 1, Austria 2
West Germany 1, Austria 0
Scotland 8, Cyprus 0
West Germany 12, Cyprus 0

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
W. Germany	5	4	0	17	1	9
Scotland ...	4	3	0	16	2	7
Austria	5	2	3	9	7	4
Cyprus	6	0	6	2	35	0

GROUP EIGHT

Holland 2, Luxembourg 0
Bulgaria 2, Holland 0
Holland 4, Luxembourg 0
Poland 8, Luxembourg 1
Bulgaria 2, Luxembourg 1
Holland 1, Poland 0
Bulgaria 4, Poland 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Holland ...	5	3	2	8	7	6
Bulgaria ...	3	3	0	8	2	6
Poland	2	1	1	8	2	2
Luxembourg	4	0	4	2	16	0

GROUP TWELVE

Ecuador 0, Uruguay 2
Chile 0, Uruguay 0

GROUP THIRTEEN (A)

Costa Rica 3, Jamaica 0
Jamaica 1, Costa Rica 3
Honduras 3, Jamaica 1
Jamaica 0, Honduras 2
Honduras 1, Costa Rica 0
Costa Rica 1, Honduras 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Honduras ...	**4**	**3**	**0**	**7**	**2**	**7**
Costa Rica ..	4	2	1	7	3	5
Jamaica	4	0	2	2	11	0

GROUP THIRTEEN (B)

Guatemala 4, Trinidad 0
Trinidad 0, Guatemala 0
Trinidad 0, Haiti 4
Haiti 2, Trinidad 4
Haiti 2, Guatemala 0
Guatemala 1, Haiti 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Haiti	**4**	**3**	**1**	**9**	**5**	**6**
Guatemala...	4	1	1	5	3	4
Trinidad ...	4	1	1	4	10	3

GROUP THIRTEEN (C)

Surinam 6, Neth. Antilles 0
El Salvador 6, Surinam 0
Neth. Antilles 2, Surinam 0
El Salvador 1, Neth. Antilles 0
Neth. Antilles 1, El Salvador 2
Surinam 4, El Salvador 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
El Salvador	**4**	**3**	**1**	**10**	**5**	**6**
Surinam ...	4	2	2	10	9	4
N. Antilles...	4	1	3	3	9	2

Honduras 1, El Salvador 0
El Salvador 3, Honduras 0
Play-off: El Salvador 3, Honduras 2

GROUP THIRTEEN (D)

Canada 4, Bermuda 0
Canada 4, USA 2
Bermuda 0, Canada 0
USA 1, Canada 0
USA 6, Bermuda 2
Bermuda 0, USA 2

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
USA	**4**	**3**	**1**	**11**	**6**	**6**
Canada	4	2	1	8	3	5
Bermuda ...	4	0	0	2	12	1

GROUP THIRTEEN (E)

Haiti 2, USA 0
USA 0, Haiti 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Haiti	**2**	**2**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**4**
USA	2	0	2	0	3	0

GROUP SIXTEEN (A)

Algeria 1, Tunisia 2
Tunisia 0, Algeria 0

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Tunisia	**2**	**1**	**0**	**2**	**1**	**2**
Algeria	2	0	1	1	2	0

GROUP SIXTEEN (B)

Morocco 1, Senegal 0
Senegal 2, Morocco 1
Play-off:
Morocco 2, Senegal 0

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Morocco ...	2	1	0	2	2	2
Senegal	2	1	0	2	2	2

Morocco 0, Tunisia 0
Tunisia 0, Morocco 0

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Morocco ...	2	0	0	0	0	2
Tunisia	2	0	0	0	0	2

Play-off:
Tunisia 2, Morocco 2
(Morocco qualified on toss of coin.)

GROUP SIXTEEN (C)

Libya 0, Ethiopia 2
Ethiopia 5, Libya 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Ethiopia ...	2	2	0	7	1	4
Libya	2	0	2	1	7	0

GROUP SIXTEEN (D)

Zambia 4, Sudan 2
Sudan 4, Zambia 2

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Sudan	**2**	**1**	**1**	**6**	**6**	**2**
Zambia	2	1	1	6	6	2

(Sudan qualified, having scored more goals in the second leg.)

GROUP SIXTEEN (E)

Nigeria 1, Cameroons 1
Cameroons 2, Nigeria 3

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	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Nigeria	2	1	0	4	3	3
Cameroons...	2	0	1	3	4	1

GROUP SIXTEEN (F)

Nigeria 2, Ghana 1
Ghana 1, Nigeria 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Nigeria	2	1	0	3	2	3
Ghana	2	0	1	2	3	1

GROUP SIXTEEN (G)

Ethiopia 1, Sudan 1
Sudan 3, Ethiopia 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Sudan	2	1	0	4	2	3
Ethiopia ...	2	0	1	2	4	1

The match between Denmark and Hungary in Copenhagen provided one of the biggest upsets in the competition so far. Here Farkas (11) scores Hungary's second goal in their 2–3 defeat despite close attention from Danish defenders Niels Moller (6) and Henning Munk-Jensen. (UPI)

EUROPEAN LEAGUE RESULTS

Week Ending MAY 18

Greece: Panionios 7, AE Lemasos 1; AEK 2, Weroia 1; Aris 3, Trikala 2; Olympiakos 6, Wysas 1; OF Iraklion 1, Apollon 0; Panathinaikos 2, Pierikos 1; PAOK 1, Aigaleo 1; Chalkis 2, Iraklis 1; Panseraikos 1, Ethnikos 0.

Week Ending MAY 25

Rumania: Dinamo Bucharest 4, UT Arad 3; Universitatea Cluj 6, ASA Tirgu-Mures 0; Progresul 3, Arges 1; Jiul 3, Steaua 1; Crisul 1, Petrolul 0; Universitaten Craiova 1, Rapid 0; Plitehnica 2, Farul 0; Vagonul 0, Dinamo Bacau 0.

Sweden: Djurgaarden 3, Jonkoping 0; Elfsborg 1, Norrkoping 0; IFK Goteborg 2, AIK Stockholm 0; Sirius 0, GAIS Goteburg 1; Atvidaberg 2, Oerebro 1; Oester Vaxjo 1, Malmo FF 2.

Norway: Fredrikstad 1, Viking 1; Stromgodset 0, Rosenborg 0; Hodd 2, Lyn 2; Skeid 1, Brann 0; Start 0, Sarpsborg 3. **Midweek:** Brann 2, Start 1; Viking 1, Hodd 2; Lyn 1, Stromgodset 8; Rosenborg 4, Skeid 0; Sarpsborg 1, Fredrikstad 0.

Russia: Group A: CSKA Moscow 1, Krilija Kuybyschew 0; Ararat Erewan 2, SKA Rostov 0, Dynamo Moscow 1, Uralmasch Swerd Lowsk 0. **Group B:** Lokomotiv Moscow 1, Spartak Moscow 2; Schachtjor Donezk 1, Dynamo Minsk 1; Kairat Alma Ata 1, Dynamo Tbilisi 1; Pachtakor Taschkent 1, Torpedo Kutaisi 0. **Midweek:** Zenit Leningrad 0, Spartak Moscow 1; Torpedo Moscow 0, Lokomotiv Moscow 0.

Holland: FC Twente 0, Feijenoord 1; Telstar 1, MVV 1; Holland Sport 2, DWS 1; Volendam 1, PSV 1; DOS 1, AZ '67 1; Ajax 1, ADO 0; Fortuna/Sittardia 0, GVAV 0; Sparta 3, Go Ahead 0; NEC 1, NAC 1.

Bulgaria: CSKA 1, Marek 0; ESK Slavia 1, Akademik 0; Lokomotiv Plovdiv 3, Dunav 2; Tchernomorez 5, Trakia 3; Beroe 2, Krakra 0; Botev Vratza 2, Spartak Pleven 1; Dobrudja 0, Tcherno more 1.

Yugoslavia: Zeleznicar 2, Celik 0; Bor 2, Radnicki Nis 0; Partizan 1, Vardar 1; Hajduk 2, Sarajevo 0; Proleter 2, Olimpija 0; Zagreb 0, Dinamo 5; Rijeka 2, Vojvodina 2; Maribor 2, Velez 2; OFK Belgrade 0, Red Star 2.

Greece: Aigaleo 1, Ethnikos 0; OF Iraklion 5, AE Lemasos 1; Aris 2, AEK 0; Weroia 0, Apollon 1; Wysas 3, Chalkis 0; Panionios 3, Iraklis 1; Panseraikos 0, Panathinaikos 1; PAOK 3, Trikala 1; Pierikos 0, Olympiakos 3.

West Germany: Eintracht Frankfurt 3, TSV 1860 Munchen 0; MSV Duisberg 0, FC Kaiserslautern 0; Eintracht Brunswick 3, Hannover 96 3; Werder Bremen 3, FC Nurnberg 3; Schalke 04 3, Alemannia Aachen 1; VfB Stuttgart 0, Borussia Monchengladbach 3; Koln 2, Borussia Dortmund 1; Bayern Munchen 5, Kickers Offenbach 1; Hertha Berlin 3, Hamburger SV 2.

France: Marseille 2, Lyon 2; St. Etienne 3, Rennes 1; Sochaux 0, Bordeaux 1; Rouen 1, Nimes 0; Nice 1, Strasbourg 0; Nantes 1, Metz 2; Ajaccio 3, Red Star 1; Valenciennes 0, Bastia 1; Sedan 2, Monaco 2. **Midweek:** Sedan 2, Bastia 1.

Austria: Sturm Graz 2, Rapid 1; Austria Wien 8, Schwarzweiss Bregenz 3; Wacker Wien 2, Grazer AK 1; Eisenstadt 0, Wacker Innsbruck 2; Wattens 2, Admira 0; Donawitz 2, Sportklub 2; Austria Klagenfurt 1, Linz ASK 2.

W/E JUNE 1

Switzerland: Basle 4, Lausanne 0; Bellinzona 2, La Chaux-de-Fonds 1; Biel 5, Winterthur 1; Grasshoppers 0, Zurich 1; St. Gallen 1, Young Boys 1; Servette 1, Lucerne 2; Sion 1, Lugano 1.

West Germany: Schalke 04 2, Hertha BSC 0; Hamburger SV 1, Eintracht Frankfurt 4; Kickers Offenbach 0, Werder Bremen 3; TSV 1860 Munchen 2, MSV Duisburg 1; Borussia Monchengladbach 1, Bayern Munchen 1; Hannover 96 1, VfB Stuttgart 0; Alemannia Aachen 2, Koln 1; Nurnberg 2, Borussia Dortmund 2; Kaiserslautern 4, Eintracht Brunswick 0.

Norway: Rosenborg 3, Lyn 0; Start 1, Fredrikstad 1; Sarpsborg 2, Stromgodset 0; Skeid 4, Hodd 0; Brann 1, Viking 0.

France: Red Star Paris 1, Valenciennes 2; Nimes 2, Nice 0; Bastia 3, Marseille 1; Monaco 2, Nantes 0; Sochaux 3, Sedan 1; Metz 0, Ajaccio 0; Rennes 1, Strasbourg 0; Lyon 0, Rouen 1; Bordeaux 2, St. Etienne 0. (Midweek)—Bordeaux 0, Sedan 2; Nimes 0, Marseilles 0.

Austria: Rapid 0, Wattens 2; Sportklub 0, Sturm Graz 0; Admira 1, Eisenstadt 1; Wacker Innsbruck 1, Wacker Wien 0; Grazer AK 2, Austria Wien 5; Schwarzweiss Bregenz 1, Austria Salzburg 1.

Sweden: AIK Stockholm 0, Elfsborg 2; GAIS Goteborg 1, Oester Vaxjo 0; Jonkoping 0, Sirius 3; Malmo FF 1, IFK Goteborg 0; IFK Norrkoping 4, Atvidaberg 2; Oerebro 1, Djurgaarden 0.

Poland: Stal 0, Gornik 0; Zaglebie Sosnowiec 0, Legia 0; Szombierki 2, Polonia 2; Pogon 0, Ruch Chorzow 0; ROW Rybnik 2, Slask 3; GKS Katovice 1, Wisla 1; Odra 1, Zaglebie Walbrzych 0. **Midweek:** Slask 1, GKS Katovice 0; Odra 0, Pogon 1; Gornik 3, ROW Rybnik 2; Polonia 1, Stal 1; Legia 3, Szombierki 0; Zaglebie Walbrzych 1, Wisla 0; Ruch Chorzow 3, Zaglebie Sosnowiec 1.

Hungary: Komlo 0, Ferencvaros 0; Eger 2 MTK 4; Csepel 0, Tatabanya 0; Honved 3, Pecs 0; Szombathely 2, Vasas 2; Egyetertes 1, Diosgyor 3.

Russia: Group A — CSKA Moscow 1, Dynamo Moscow 1; SKA Rostov 0, Dynamo Kiev 1; Tschernomorez Odessa 2, Ararat 0; Sarja Lugansk 3, Neftschi Baku 0; Krilija Kuybyschew 0, Uralmasch Swerdlowsk 1. **Group B** — Lokomotiv Moscow 4, Dynamo Minsk 1; Dynamo Tbilisi 3, Torpedo Kutaisi 1; Zenit Leningrad 1, Torpedo

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Moscow 1; Schachtjor Donezk 1, Spartak Moscow 1; Kairat Alma Ata 0, Pachtakor Taschkent 1.

Denmark: Akademisk 2, Esbjerg 1; B 1903 Kopenhagen 3, Horsens 0; Aalborg 1, KB Copenhagen 0; Vejle 1, Hvidovre 0.

Holland: Feijenoord 1, NEC 0; MVV 2, Twente 1; DWS 0, Telstar 0; AZ '67 0, Volendam 0; ADO 1, DOS 3; Go Ahead 2, Fortuna/Sittardia 0; NAC 1, Sparta 0; GVAV 1, Ajax 2.

Rumania: Steaua 2, Rapid 0; Dinamo Bucharest 4, Progresul 1; Petrolul 1, Vagonul 0; Universitatea Craiova 3, ASA Tirgu-Mures 1; UT Arad 2, Arges 1; Crisul 3, Jiul 0; Politehnica 0, Dinamo Bacau 0.

Greece: Aigaleo 2, Panseraikos 2; Apollon 1, AEK 0; Ethnikos 2, Panionios 2; Iraklis 1, Weroia 1; Panathinaikos 2, PAOK 2, Pierikos 2, Wysas 3; Trikala 1, OF Iraklion 1; Chalkis 2, Olympiakos 4; AE Lemasos 1, Aris 5.

Czechoslovakia: Jednota Trencin 4, Banik Ostrava 1; Spartak Trnava 3, Sparta Prague 3; Lokomotiv Kosice 0, ZVL Zilina 0; Slovan Bratislava 0, Inter Bratislava 0; Bansky Bystrica 2, VSS Kosice 0; Dukla Prague 2, SKLO Union Teplice 1; Slavia Prague 3, VCHZ Pardubice 0.

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Switzerland: La Chaux-de-Fonds 2, Grasshoppers 2; Lausanne 3, Biel 1; Lugano 0, St. Gallen 0; Lucerne 2, Basle 3; Winterthur 2, Bellinzona 1; Young Boys 0, Servette 1; Zurich 4, Sion 1.

West Germany: Koln 3, Nurnberg 0; Eintracht Frankfurt 1, Schalke 04 0; Borussia Dortmund 3, Kickers Offenbach 0; MSV Duisburg 0, Hamburger SV 0; Werder Bremen 6, Borussia Monchengladbach 5; Eintracht Brunswick 2, TSV 1860 Munchen 1; Bayern Munchen 2, Hannover 96 1; VfB Stuttgart 4, Kaiserslautern 3.

Sweden: Djurgaarden 2, AIK Stockholm 0; Elfsborg 2, Oester 1; IFK Goteborg 2, GAIS Goteborg 0; Jonkoping Sodra 0, Oerebro 1; Sirius Uppsala 0, IFK Norrkoping 1; Atvidaberg 2, Malmo FF 0.

Austria: Austria Salzburg 6, Grazer AK 0; Austria Wien 4, Wacker Innsbruck 1; Wattens 2, Wiener Sportklub 2; Sturm Graz 3, Linz ASK 0.

Bulgaria: Levski-Spartak 1, CSKA 3; Spartak Pleven 2, ESK Slavia 1; Tchernomore 3, Lokomotiv Plovdiv 3; Trakia 3, Botev Vratza 2; Tchernomorez 5, Beroe 1; Marek 3, Dobrudja 0; Dunav 2, Krakra 1.

Czechoslovakia: ZVL Zilina 2, Spartak Trnava 1; Sparta 1, Jednota Trencin 1; Inter Bratislava 1, Lokomotiv Kosice 3; VSS Kosice 0, Slovan Bratislava 2; SKLO Union Teplice 4, Banska Bystrica 0; VCHZ Pardubice 0, Dukla 1; Banik Ostrava 0, Slavia 0.

France: St. Etienne 1, Monaco 1; Ajaccio 2, Bordeaux 2; Metz 2, Nice 1; Rennes 2, Lyon 1; Marseille 0, Red Star 0; Nantes 0, Sochaux 0; Strasbourg 1, Nimes 0; Valenciennes 1, Sedan 1; Bastia 3, Rouen 1.

Russia: Group A — Dynamo Kiev 2, Sarja Lugansk 0; Tschernomorez Odessa 2, Neftschi Baku 0; SKA Rostov 3, Ararat Erewan 1; Krilija Kuybyschew 2, CSKA Moscow 1; Uralmasch Swerdlowsk 0, Dynamo Moscow 1. **Group B**—Dynamo Minsk 1, Schachtjor Donezk 0; Dynamo Tbilisi 0, Kairat Alma Ata 0; Lokomotiv Moscow 0, Torpedo Moscow 3; Torpedo Kutaisi 3, Pachtakor Taschkent 2; Spartak Moscow 2, Zenit Leningrad 1. (Midweek) — **Group A:** SKA Rostow 2, Neftschi Baku 1; Tschernomorez Odessa 1, Dynamo Kiev 1; Sarja Lugansk 2, Ararat Erewan 0; Krilija Kuybyschew 2, Dynamo Moscow 0; Uralmasch Swerdlowsk 0, CSKA Moscow 0. **Group B:** Spartak Moscow 1, Lokomotiv Moscow 0; Dynamo Tbilisi 3, Pachtakor Taschkent 0; Zenit Leningrad 2, Dynamo Minsk 1; Schachtjor Donezk 2, Torpedo Moscow 1; Torpedo Kutaisi 2, Kairat Alma Ata 0.

Greece: AEK 4, Lemasos 0; Panathinaikos 1, Aigaleo 1; Wysas 0, Aris 2; Iraklis 1, OF Iraklion 0; Olympiakos 1, Panseraikos 0; Panionios 1, Apollon 0; PAOK 3, Ethnikos 0; Trikala 1, Weroia 0; Chalkis 2, Pierikos 0.

Denmark: B 1901 Nykobing 1, Akademisk 0; Esbjerg 1, B 1903 Copenhagen 1; Hvidovre 1, Aalborg 0.

Yugoslavia: Dinamo 3, Partizan 0; Radnicki Nis 0, Hajduk 0; Red Star 3, Zagreb 0; Velez 4, Rijeka 1; Olimpija 1, Bor 1; Celik 1, Maribor 1; Vardar 3, Zeleznicar 1; Sarajevo 2, OFK Belgrade 0; Vojvodina 1, Proleter 0.

W/E JUNE 15

Rumania: Dinamo Bacau 1, UT Arad 0; Universitatea Cluj 0, Dinamo Bucharest 0; Vagonul 2, Politehnica 0; ASA Tirgu-Mures 2, Progresul 0; Rapid 2, Crisul 1; Jiul 3, Petrolul 0; Steaua 2, Farul 0; Arges 2, Universitatea Craiova 0.

Denmark: KB Copenhagen 3, Frem 0; B 1913 Odense 0, Vejle 0; Horsens 1, B 1909 Odense 1. **Midweek:** Frem 5, B 1901 Nykobing 0; B 1909 Odense 2, B 1913 Odense 4; Horsens 3, KB Copenhagen 2; B 1903 Copenhagen 5, KB Copenhagen 2.

Sweden: Atvidaberg 5, Oester Vaxjo 2; Malmo FF 1, Djurgaarden 2; Oerebro 1, GAIS 1; Jonkoping Sodra 1, Norrkoping 3; Goteborg 2, Elfsborg Boras 0; AIK 1, Sirius Uppsala 0. **Midweek:** AIK Stockholm 0, Atvidaberg 1; Malmo FF 2, Elfsborg 2; Norrkoping 3, Djurgaarden 0; GAIS Goteborg 4, Jonkoping 0; Oerebro 5, Sirius Uppsala 1; Oester Vaxjo 4, Goteborg 1.

Austria: Linz ASK 2, Wattens 0; Sportklub 0, Eisenstadt 0; Rapid 1, Wacker Wien 0; Admira 1, Austria Wien 4; Wacker Innsbruck 1, Austria Salzburg 2; Grazer AK 2, Schwarzweiss Bregenz 0; Austria Klagenfurt 2, Sturm Graz 0.

France: Lyon 2, Strasbourg 3; Monaco 3, Ajaccio 0; Sochaux 1, St. Etienne 0; Sedan 3, Nantes 1; Red Star Paris 4, Rouen 0; Metz 1, Valenciennes 0; Bastia 2, Nice 0; Nimes 5, Rennes 1; Bordeaux 2, Marseille 2.

Norway: Skeid 0, Stromgodset 1; Brann 2, Lyn 1. **Midweek:** Fredrikstad 1, Brann 0; Hodd 1, Rosenborg 2; Stromgodset 3, Start 0; Lyn 3, Sarpsborg 1; Viking 1, Skeid 3.

Czechoslovakia: Banik Ostrava 0, Dukla Prague 0; Slavia Prague 3, Banska Bystrica 0; VCHZ Pardubice 0, Slovan Bratislava 0; SKLO Union Teplice 1, Lokomotiv Kosice 0; ZVL Zilina 3, Sparta Prague 0; VSS Kosice 0, Spartak Trnava 0; Inter Bratislava 3, Jednota Trencin 1. **Midweek:** Spartak Trnava 3, Inter Bratislava 1; Slovan Bratislava 3, SKLO Union Teplice 1; Jednota Trencin 0, ZVL Zilina 2; Lokomotiv Kosice 1, VSS Kosice 0; Banska Bystrica 6, VCHZ Par-

Spanish side Seville have just regained First Division status. They are, back row, left to right—Rodri, Isabelo, Costa, Toni, Hita, Santos. Front—Lora, Bergara, Eloy, Redondo, Berruezo. (Cutler)

Action from the Inter v. Santos match in Milan. Edu (right) and Burgnich dispute possession. (UPI)

dubice 1; Dukla Prague 4, Slavia 0.

Rumania: Petrolul 4, Politehnica 1; Universitatea Craiova 1, Dinamo Bucharest 0; Vagonul 4, Crisul 2; Steaua 1, Dinamo Bacau 0; Farul 1, Progresul 0; Universitatea Cluj 0, UT Arad 2; ASA Tirgu-Mures 0, Arges 3; Rapid 3, Jiul 0. **Midweek:** Progresul 3, Universitatea Craiova 0; Jiul 2, Universitatea Cluj 0; Dinamo Bucharest 4, Petrolul 1; Arges 4, Vagonul 0; Dinamo Bacau 0, Rapid Bucharest 0; Crisul 2, ASA Tirgu-Mures 0; Politehnica Jassi 1; Steaua 1; UT Arad 4, Farul 0.

Greece: Aigaleo 3, Chalkis 0; Apollon 2, Iraklis 3; Aris 4, Weroia 2; Olympiakos 2, Panathinaikos 1; OF Iraklion 2, AEK 0; Panionios 2, Trikala 0; Panseraikos 2, PAOK 4; Ethnikos 1, Wysas 1; AE Lemasos 2, Pierikos 3.

Yugoslavia: Partizan 2, Red Star 2; Zeleznicar 1, Dinamo 1; OFK Belgrade 0, Radnicki Nis 2; Zagreb 1, Sarajevo 2; Hajduk 1, Olimpija 2; Velez 2, Vojvodina 2; Rijeka 1, Celik 0; Maribor 1, Vardar 0; Bor 1, Proleter 0.

Russia: Group A — Ararat Erewan 0, Uralmasch Swerdlowsk 0; Dynamo Moscow 3, Tschernomorez Odessa 1. **Group B** — Pachtakor Taschkent 1, Schachtjor Donezk 2; Lokomotiv Moscow 0, Dynamo Tbilisi 1; Torpedo Kutaisi 1, Torpedo Moscow 2; Dynamo Minsk 0, Spartak Moscow 1.

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Hungary: MTK 0, Ujpest Dozsa 6; Ferencvaros 4, Csepel 1; Vasas 2, Eger 0; Diosgyor 1, Honved 3; Tatabanya 2, Dunaujvaros 2; Raba ETO Gyor 2, Komlo 2; Salgotarjan 2, Egyetertes 0; Pecs 3, Szombathely 1. **Midweek:** Dunaujvaros 0, Salgotarjan 0.

Denmark: B 1903 2, Hvidovre 3; B 1909 Odense 0, B 1901 2; Frem 0, B 1913 3; Aalborg 1, Horsens 2; Vejle 2, Esbjerg 3.

Austria: Austria Wien 2, Rapid 0; Sturm Graz 4, Donawitz 0; Austria Salzburg 2, Admira 0; Wacker Wien 0, Wiener Sportklub 2; Eisenstadt 1, Linz ASK 0; Schwarzweiss Bregenz 1, Wacker Innsbruck 2; Wattens 1, Austria Klagenfurt 0.

Russia: Group A — CSKA Moscow 0, Dynamo Kiev 0; Neftschi Baku 1, Uralmasch Swerdlowsk 0; Ararat Erewan 3, Krilija Kuybyschew 1; Sarja Lugansk 4, SKA Rostow 2. **Group B**—Pachtakor Taschkent 1, Zenit Leningrad 0; Kairat Alma Ata 0, Schachtjor Donezk 0.

Bulgaria: CSKA 3, Akademisk 3; Dobrudja 3, Levski-Spartak 0; Lokomotiv 3, Marek 1; ESK Slavia 0, Trakia 2; Krakra 3, Tscherno more 1; Beroe 2, Dunav 1; Botev 2, Tchernomorez 0.

Yugoslavia: Vojvodina 1, Bor 4; Dinamo 3, Maribor 0; Proleter 1, Hajduk 1; Radnicki Nis 1, Zagreb 2; Red Star 1, Zeleznicar 1; Sarajevo 0, Partizan 0; Olimpija 2, OFK Belgrade 0; Celik 6, Velez 0; Vardar 4, Rijeka 0.

Bulgaria: Spartak 1, CSKA 0; Levski-Spartak 1, Lokomotiv 2; Tcherno more 1, Dunav 0; Tchernomorez 2, ESK Slavia 2; Botev 2, Beroe 0; Akademik 0, Dobrudja 0; Marek 2, Krakra 1.

Russia: Group A: Dynamo Kiev 5, Uralmasch Swerdlowsk 0; Neftschi Baku 1, Krilija Kuybyschew 0; Dynamo Moscow 2, Sarja Lugansk 0; Tschernomorez Odessa 1, SKA Rostow 1; Ararat Erewan 2, CSKA Moscow 2. **Group B:** Torpedo Moscow 0, Spartak Moscow 1; Torpedo Kutaisi 1, Dynamo Minsk 0; Schachtjor Donezk 0, Dynamo Tbilisi 0; Kairat Alma Ata 0, Zenit Leningrad 1; Pachtakor Taschkent 0, Lokomotiv Moscow 0.

Norway, Midweek: Sarpsborg 0, Viking 0; Start 3, Hodd 0; Rosenborg Trondheim 2, Fredrikstad 0.

ARGENTINA LEAGUE RESULTS
(Metropolitan Championship)

MAY 17

Rosario Central 0, Boca Juniors 0; San Lorenzo 0, Independiente 1; Lanus 2, Colon Santa Fe 2; Gimnasia y Esgrima 1, Atlanta 0; Chacarita Juniors 2, Velez Sarsfield 1; River Plate 4, Newells Old Boys 0; Union Santa Fe 0, Quilmes 0; Deportivo Moron 1, Platense 3; Racing Club 3, Huracan 1; Los Andes 1, Banfield 2.

MAY 25

Velez Sarsfield 2, Lanus 2; Independiente 2, Chacarita Juniors 1; Boca Juniors 0, Gimnasia y Esgrima 1; Banfield 1, Rosario Central 1; Atlanta 0, San Lorenzo 2; Estudiantes 1, River Plate 0; Platense 0, Racing Club 0; Quilmes 1, Deportivo Moron 0; Newells Old Boys 3, Los Andes 0; Huracan 0, Argentinos Juniors 0; Colon Santa Fe 0, Union Santa Fe 1.

MAY 28

Estudiantes 1, Union Santa Fe 1.

JUNE 1

San Lorenzo 2, Boca Juniors 1; Newells Old Boys 0, Rosario Central 0; River Plate 0, Huracan 0; Lanus 1, Independiente 1; Racing Club 5, Quilmes 1; Gimnasia y Esgrima 2, Banfield 0; Chacarita Juniors 1, Atlanta 0; Argentinos Juniors 0, Platense 0; Los Andes 1, Estudiantes 2; Deportivo Moron 1, Union Santa Fe 1; Colon Santa Fe 2, Velez Sarsfield 2.

JUNE 5

Boca Juniors 0, Chacarita Juniors 1; Atlanta 0, Lanus 1; Banfield 1, San Lorenzo 1; Rosario Central 1, Gimnasia y Esgrima 1; Independiente 4, Colon Santa Fe 1; Union Santa Fe 0, Racing Club 1; Platense 1, River Plate 1; Quilmes 3, Argentinos Juniors 1; Huracan 3, Los Andes 1; Estudiantes 1, Newells Old Boys 0; Velez Sarsfield 1, Deportivo Moron 0.

JUNE 8

Velez Sarsfield 0, Independiente 0; San Lorenzo 0, Rosario Central 0; Chacarita Juniors 3, Banfield 2; Lanus 1, Boca Juniors 3; Colon Santa Fe 2, Atlanta 1; Newells Old Boys 1, Huracan 1; Argentinos Juniors 0, Union Santa Fe 2; River Plate 1, Quilmes 1; Racing Club 3, Deportivo Moron 0; Los Andes 4, Platense 4; Estudiantes 1, Gimnasia y Esgrima 0.

JUNE 15

Boca Juniors 3, Colon Santa Fe 1; Rosario Central 2, Chacarita Juniors 1; Banfield 0, Lanus 0; Gimnasia y Esgrima 2, San Lorenzo 1; Atlanta 0, Velez Sarsfield 0; Deportivo Moron 2, Argentinos Juniors 1; Union Santa Fe 0, River Plate 1; Huracan 2, Estudiantes 2; Platense 1, Newells Old Boys 1; Quilmes 3, Los Andes 1; Independiente 2, Racing Club 1.

URUGUAY
(Cup Tournament)

MAY 17

Nacional 2, Progreso 1; Cerro 3, Alto Peru 0; Sudamerica 1, Defensor 0; River Plate 4, Wanderers 2; Huracan 2, Penarol 1; Racing Club 2, Central 2; Danubio 3, Liverpool 1; Rampla Juniors 3, Bella Vista 1.

MAY 25

Penarol 5, Bella Vista 2; Racing Club 0, Danubio 0;

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Huracan 2, Rampla Juniors 0; Central 2, Liverpool 1; Nacional 1, Cerro 0; River Plate 0, Alto Peru 0; Defensor 3, Wanderers 1; Progreso 1, Sudamerica 1.

MAY 28

Rampla Juniors 3, Penarol 2; Liverpool 2, Huracan 1; Central 0, Danubio 0; Racing Club 1, Bella Vista 1.

JUNE 1

Penarol 6, Racing Club 1; Bella Vista 4, Central 0; Rampla Juniors 5, Liverpool 1; Danubio 5, Huracan 0; Nacional 2, Defensor 1; Cerro 2, Progreso 0; Wanderers 2, Alto Peru 0; River Plate 0, Sudamerica 0.

JUNE 8

Nacional 1, Sudamerica 1; Wanderers 2, Cerro 1; Defensor 1, River Plate 0; Alto Peru 2, Progreso 0.

Group One (final placings): First, Nacional; second, Sudamerica.

Group Two (final placings): First, Danubio; second Rampla Juniors (all four teams qualify for semi-finals).

CHILE

MAY 17

Metropolitan Championship: Union Espanola 2, Palestino 1; Universidad Catolica 4, Colo Colo 3; Santiago Morning 7, Audax Italiano 4; Universidad de Chile 1, Magallanes 0.

Provincial Championship: Antofagasta 2, La Serena 0; Valparaiso Wanderers 1, O'Higgins 1; La Calera 2, Concepcion 0; Huachipato 1, Everton 1; Green Cross 2, Rangers 0.

MAY 25

Metropolitan Championship: Universidad de Chile 1, Santiago Morning 1; Magallanes 3, Palestino 1; Union Espanola 2, Universidad Catolica 2; Audax Italiano 5, Colo Colo 2.

Provincial Championship: Green Cross 3, Everton 2; Huachipato 2, La Serena 1; Union Calera 3, Antofagasta 1; O'Higgins 2, Concepcion 1.

JUNE 1

Metripolitan Championship: Universidad de Chile 1, Universidad Catolica 0; Colo Colo 0, Palestino 0; Audax Italiano 3, Union Espanola 0; Santiago Morning 2, Magallanes 0.

Provincial Championship: Everton 1, O'Higgins 1; Rangers 1, La Calera 0; Huachipato 2, Valparaiso Wanderers 1; Antofagasta 3, Concepcion 2; Green Cross 4, La Serena 1.

JUNE 8

Provincial Championship: La Serena 1, Everton 0; Concepcion 0, Rangers 0; O'Higgins 0, Antofagasta 0.

JUNE 15

Provincial Championship: Valparaiso Wanderers 1, La Serena 0; Everton 5, Antofagasta 1; Rangers 1, O'Higgins 0; Huachipato 3, Concepcion 1; Green Cross 4, La Calera 0.

PERU

MAY 17

Universitario 5, Municipal 2; KDT 2, Alianza Lima 0; Porvenir Miraflores 1, Centro Iqueno 0; Defensor Arica 2, Sport Boys 1; Sporting Cristal 2, Defensor Lima 1; Carlos Manucci 3, Octavio Espinosa 3; Juan Aurich de Chiclana 3, Atletico Grau 3.

MAY 25

Municipal 3, Octavio Espinosa 0; Juan Aurich de Chiclana 1, Porvenir Miraflores 1; Sporting Cristal 3, Sport Boys 2; Manucci 1, Defensor Arica 1; Atletico Grau 3, Centro Iqueno 1; KDT 3, Defensor Lima 1; Universitario 3, Alianza Lima 0.

JUNE 1

Defensor Arica 3, Centro Iqueno 0; Manucci 5, Sport Boys 2; Municipal 4, Defensor Lima 0; Porvenir Miraflores 1, KDT 0; Alianza Lima 1, Juan Aurich de Chiclana 1; Atletico Grau 3, Sporting Cristal 2; Universitario 2, Octavio Espinosa 0.

JUNE 15

Universitario 1, Defensor Arica 0; Defensor Lima 2, Alianza Lima 0; Porvenir Miraflores 2, Carlos Manucci 2; Deportivo Municipal 1, Atletico Grau 0; Centro Iqueno 1, KDT 1; Octavio Espinosa 3, Sporting Cristal 0; Juan Aurich de Chiclana 1, Sport Boys 0.

BRAZIL

MAY 17

Carioca League: Fluminense 2, Portuguesa 0; Bangu 2, Vasco da Gama 1; Botafogo 1, Bon Sucesso 1; Flamengo 1, America 0. **San Paulo League:** Palmeiras 2, Portuguesa de Deportes 2; San Paulo 3, Ferroviaria 0; Sao Bento 1, Santos 1; America 0, Guarani 4; Corinthians 2, Juventus 0.

MAY 25

Carioca League: Portuguesa 2, America 2; Fluminense 0, Vasco da Gama 0; Botafogo 6, Bangu 0; Flamengo 2, Bon Sucesso 0. **San Paulo League:** Corinthians 1, Santos 1; Portuguesa Santista 4, Guarani 2; Paulista 2, Portuguesa de Deportes 3; Botafogo 3, Sao Bento 0; San Paulo 1, America 3; Palmeiras 3, Ferroviaria 0. **Midweek:** Santos 3, Paulista 2; Sao Bento 1, Palmeiras 0.

JUNE 1

Carioca League: Flamengo 2, Botafogo 1; Bangu 0, Bon Sucesso 1; Vasco da Gama 3, Portuguesa 1; Fluminense 2, America 1. **June 5:** Flamengo 2, Portuguesa 0; Vasco da Gama 2, Botafogo 0. **San Paulo League:** San Paulo 2, Corinthians 0; Guarani 2, Portuguesa de Deportes 0; America 1, Ferroviaria 0; Sao Bento 0, Portuguesa Santista 3; Santos 5, Botafogo 1; Juventus 1, Palmeiras 0. **June 5:** Santos 1, Guarani 0; Palmeiras 1, 15 de Novembre 0; Botafogo 1, Corinthians 0; Sao Bento 2, Ferroviaria 0.

JUNE 8

Carioca League: Portuguesa 4, Bangu 3; Botafogo 4, America 0; Fluminense 2, Bon Sucesso 0; Flamengo 1, Vasco da Gama 1. **San Paulo League:** Santos 3, Corinthians 1.

JUNE 15

Carioca League: Fluminense 3, Flamengo 2; Botafogo 0, Portuguesa 0; Bon Sucesso 0, Vasco da Gama 0; America 0, Bangu 0. **San Paulo League:** Corinthians 2, San Paulo 3; Botafogo 2, Juventus 0; 15 de Novembro 1, Sao Bento 1.

PARAGUAY

MAY 17

Olimpia 7, Nacional 2; Cerro Porteno 6, Libertado 1; Rubio Nu 1, San Lorenzo 0; Guarani 2, Sportivo Luqueno 0; Sol de America 0, River Plate 0.

MAY 25

Olimpia 4, Sol de America 2; Guarani 1, San Lorenzo 0; Sportivo Luqueno 1, Libertado 1; Cerro Porteno 0, River Plate 0; Nacional 0, Rubio Nu 0.

Conigliaro leaps but Nacional's Manga catches the ball in their second-leg match against Estudiantes.

JUNE 1

Cerro Porteno 2, Olimpia 1; Sol de America 1, Nacional 0; San Lorenzo 1, Libertado 1; Guarani 2, Rubio Nu 0.

COLOMBIA

MAY 17

Caldas 1, Magdalena 1; Millionarios 2, Cali 1; America 2, Pereira 2; Medellin 3, Cucuta 1; Quindio 2, Santa Fe 1; Bucamaranga 1, Nacional 1; Junior 3, Tolima 1.

JUNE 1

Caldas 1, Nacional 1; Cali 3, Santa Fe 2; Medellin 1, Pereira 3; Junior 0, America 4; Bucamaranga 1, Tolima 0; Quindio 3, Cucuta 1. **Midweek:** Millionarios 3, Magdalena 0; Cali 2, America 2.

JUNE 15

Deportivo Cali 3, Tolima 1; America 2, Deportivo Quindio 0; Nacional 1, Santa Fe 1; Junior 0, Bucamaranga 1; Cucuta 2, Magdalena 1; Deportivo Pereira 5, Caldas 1; Millionarios Bogota 2, Medellin 0.

Bulgarian custodian Simeonov goes down to stop a close in shot from Italy's Pietro Anastasi during their recent 0-0 draw. (UPI)

LEAGUE TABLES—FROM EUROPE AND SOUTH AMERICA

PARAGUAY
(First Division suspended after June 1)

1.	Olimpia	15 pts
	Guarani	15 „
3.	Cerro Porteno	12 „
4.	Sol de America	10 „
5.	Nacional	9 „
6.	River Plate	7 „
	Libertado	7 „
8.	Sportivo Luqueno	6 „
9.	San Lorenzo	4 „
10.	Rubio Nu	3 „

CHILE
(Metropolitan Championship—Final Placings)

1.	Universid'd d. Chile	23 pts
2.	Union Espanola	15 „
3.	Palestino	14 „
	Colo Colo	14 „
5.	Audax Italiano	13 „
6.	Univ'sidad Catolica	11 „
	Santiago Morning	11 „
8.	Magdalena	9 „

(Top five enter National Championship)

CHILE
(Provincial Championship)
(one game to go)

1.	La Calera	20 pts
	Everton	20 „
	Rangers	20 „
4.	Green Cross	19 „
5.	Huachipato	19 „
6.	La Serena	17 „
7.	O'Higgins	15 „
8.	Valparaiso W	14 „
9.	Concepcion	13 „
10.	Antofagasta	11 „

(Top five enter National Championship)

PERU

1.	Universitario	10 pts
2.	Porvenir Mira	8 „
3.	Atletico Grau	7 „
	Minucci	7 „
5.	Def. Arica	6 „
	Juan Aurich	6 „
	D. Municipal	6 „
8.	KDT	5 „
	Espinosa	5 „
10	Sporting Cristal	4 „
11	Alianza Lima	3 „
12	Def. Lima	2 „
13	Centro Iqueno	1 „
14	Sport Boys	0 „

BRAZIL
(Carioca League)
(one game left)

1.	Fluminense	28 pts
2.	Flamengo	24 „
3.	Botafogo	23 „
4.	America	20 „
	Vasco da Gama	20 „
6.	Bon Sucesso	16 „
	Bangu	16 „
8.	Portuguesa	11 „

AUSTRIA
(Final League Table)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Austria Wien	28	19	8	1	80	35	46
Sportklub	28	13	12	3	62	21	38
Rapid	28	15	5	8	64	34	35
Linz ASK	28	12	7	9	38	33	31
Sturm Graz	28	12	7	9	35	29	31
Austria Salzburg	28	10	10	8	41	28	30
Wacker Innsbr'k	28	12	5	11	46	43	29
Admira	28	11	6	11	43	45	28
Austria Klagenf't	28	10	8	10	38	41	28
Grazer AK	28	10	6	12	37	54	26
Wacker Wien	28	9	6	13	39	51	24
Wattens	28	7	8	13	32	55	22
Eisenstadt	28	6	9	13	33	42	21
SW Bregenz	28	8	5	15	30	49	21
Donawitz	28	3	4	21	26	82	10

GREECE
(Final League Table)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Panathinaikos	34	26	4	4	64	16	90
Olympiakos	34	24	6	4	77	21	88
Aris	34	17	11	6	54	33	79
Panionios	34	18	7	9	55	34	77
PAOK	34	16	10	8	58	37	76
AEK	34	17	7	10	58	33	74
Aigaleo	34	13	10	11	48	41	70
Ethnikos	34	12	10	12	43	45	68
Pierikos	34	11	10	13	31	37	66
Panseraikos	34	12	7	15	43	46	65
Iraklis	34	12	7	15	36	39	65
OF Iraklion	34	12	6	16	37	45	64
Wyaas	34	12	6	16	42	53	64
Apollon	34	12	5	17	40	38	63
Weroia	34	8	12	14	34	41	62
Trikala	34	9	5	20	30	63	57
Chalkis	34	7	8	19	38	61	56
AE Lemasos	34	2	1	31	20	125	39

WEST GERMANY
(Final League Table)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bayern Munchen	34	18	10	6	61	31	46
Alemann. Aachen	34	16	6	12	57	41	38
B. M'nch'ng'bach	34	13	11	10	61	46	37
E. Brunswick	34	13	11	10	46	43	37
VfB Stuttgart	34	14	8	12	60	54	36
Hamburger SV	34	13	10	11	55	55	36
Schalke 04	34	14	7	13	45	40	35
Ein. Frankfurt	34	13	8	13	46	43	34
Werder Bremen	34	14	6	14	59	59	34
TSV 1860 Mun'n	34	15	4	15	44	59	34
Hannover 96	34	9	14	11	47	45	32
MSV Duisberg	34	8	16	10	33	37	32
Koln	34	13	6	15	47	56	32
Hertha BSC	34	12	8	14	31	39	32
Kaiserslautern	34	12	6	16	45	47	30
Bor. Dortmund	34	11	8	15	49	54	30
Nurnberg	34	9	11	14	45	55	29
K. Offenbach	34	10	8	16	42	59	28

CZECHOSLOVAKIA
(Final League Table)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spartak Trnava	26	17	5	4	50	21	39
Slovan Bratislava	26	12	10	4	35	18	34
Sparta	26	12	5	9	35	27	29
Inter Bratislava	26	8	10	8	35	26	26
Dukla	26	10	5	11	52	37	25
Jednota Trencin	26	9	6	10	35	35	25
ZVL Zilina	26	9	7	10	29	38	25
VSS Kosice	26	10	4	12	32	28	24
Banik Ostrava	26	8	8	10	22	36	24
LOK. Kosice	26	9	6	11	23	39	24
Slavia	26	10	3	13	26	37	23
SKLO Un Teplice	26	9	4	13	34	40	22
Ban. Bystrica	26	10	3	15	39	38	21
Pardubice	26	7	7	12	23	47	21

FRANCE
(Final League Table)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St. Etienne	34	24	5	5	70	26	53
Bordeaux	34	22	7	5	77	34	51
Metz	34	16	10	8	41	24	42
Rouen	34	16	8	10	44	43	40
Sedan	34	15	9	10	49	35	37
Bastia	34	13	8	13	50	86	34
Marseille	34	12	9	13	51	48	33
Valenciennes	34	10	13	11	38	37	33
Lyon	34	13	6	15	53	51	32
Rennes	34	12	7	15	50	57	31
Nantes	34	13	6	15	44	45	30
Sochaux	34	11	7	16	49	55	29
Strasbourg	34	10	9	15	34	41	29
Nimes	34	8	13	13	32	39	29
Red Star	34	8	13	13	35	48	29
Ajaccio	34	10	8	16	36	53	28
Monaco	34	7	13	14	33	50	27
Nice	34	6	9	19	30	61	21

TURKEY
(Final League Table)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Galatasaray	30	19	8	3	49	14	46
Eskisehir	30	17	9	4	39	18	43
Besiktas	30	14	10	6	30	20	38
Fenerbahce	30	13	9	8	34	25	35
Bursa	30	12	8	10	32	28	32
Mersin	30	11	9	10	35	29	31
Goztepe	30	9	12	9	30	26	30
Istanbul	30	9	11	10	27	30	29
PTT	30	9	10	11	28	37	28
Genclerbirligi	30	6	11	11	28	26	27
Altay	30	7	12	11	20	23	26
Demirspor	30	8	10	12	29	35	26
Vefa	30	8	8	14	27	37	24
Altinordu	30	6	12	21	20	40	24
Sekerspor	30	6	9	15	24	44	21
Izmirspor	30	4	12	14	19	39	20

RUMANIA
(Final League Table)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
UT Arad	30	17	4	9	50	27	38
Dinamo Bucharest	30	15	5	10	55	33	35
Rapid	30	14	6	10	41	33	34
Steaua	30	14	5	11	50	38	33
Dinamo Bacau	30	13	7	10	31	28	33
Jiul	30	13	5	12	35	32	31
Univ. Craiova	30	14	3	13	45	47	31
Univ. Cluj	30	13	4	13	47	39	30
Farul	30	13	3	14	35	43	29
Crisul	30	10	8	12	36	33	28
Politehnica	30	12	4	14	31	42	28
Arges	30	13	1	16	38	64	27
Petrolul	30	12	3	15	30	41	27
ASA Tirgu-Mures	30	12	3	15	32	47	27
Progresul	30	9	8	13	30	39	26
Vagonul	30	10	3	17	40	60	23

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ARGENTINA
Metropolitan Championship
(First Division)
Section A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chacarita Juniors	20	12	4	4	31	23	28
Boca Juniors	20	11	5	4	30	10	27
Velez Sarsfield	20	9	6	5	35	23	24
Independiente	20	9	5	6	24	19	23
San Lorenzo	20	9	3	8	34	24	21
Lanus	20	7	7	6	34	32	21
Gimnasia	20	9	3	8	25	25	21
Banfield	20	6	7	7	21	32	19
Rosario Central	20	5	9	6	15	20	19
Colon Santa Fe	20	3	6	11	18	40	12
Atlanta	20	2	5	13	16	32	9

Section B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Racing Club	20	12	7	1	40	15	31
River Plate	20	11	7	2	31	18	29
Estudiantes	20	11	5	4	33	21	27
Huracan	20	7	8	5	35	27	22
Quilmes	20	7	6	7	26	31	20
Platense	20	6	7	7	31	32	19
Union de S. Fe	20	7	4	9	21	22	18
Newell's Old Boys	20	3	11	6	21	27	17
Deportivo Moron	20	5	2	13	15	34	12
Argentinos Jrs.	20	1	9	10	15	27	11
Los Andes	20	1	8	11	21	26	10

COLOMBIA
Opening Tournament—
(Final Placings)

1. Deportivo Cali ... 35 pts
2. America d. Cali ... 33 „
3. Millionarios ..... 31 „

SWITZERLAND
(Final League Table)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Basle	26	13	10	3	48	28	36
Lausanne	26	15	5	6	70	43	35
Zurich	26	12	6	8	61	37	30
Young Boys	26	12	6	8	49	36	30
Lugano	26	11	7	8	37	26	29
Bellinzona	26	10	8	8	38	41	28
Biel	26	9	8	9	52	59	26
Servette	26	9	7	10	32	39	25
Grasshoppers	26	7	9	10	43	47	23
St. Gallen	26	6	11	9	29	37	23
Winterthur	26	5	12	9	28	43	22
Chaux-de-Fonds	26	5	11	10	51	53	21
Sion	26	7	6	13	39	52	20
Lucerne	26	6	4	16	35	71	16

CLASSIFIED RESULTS

APRIL 27

Malta (0) 1 (Cini) 12,000
Austria (2) 3 (Kogelberger 2, Kreuz)

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Austria: Harreither; Fak, Stumberger; Eigenstiller; Strasser, Hof; Ettmayer, Metzler, Kreuz, Kogelberger, Redl (Eiste).

MAY 9

Colombia (1) 1 (Gonzales) 23,000
Peru (1) 3 (Ramirez, Cubillas, Leon)

Colombia: Largaca; Segovia, Castro; Garcia, Segrera, Gaviria; Tamayo, Gonzalez, Ortiz, Gallego, Santa.

Peru: Artor; Campos, Gonzalez; Mifflin, De la Torre; Chumpitaz; Casaretto (Challe), Cubillas, Leon, Munante, Ramirez.

MAY 20

Mexico (0) 0
Peru (0) 1 (Leon)

Mexico: Castrejon; Vantolra, Pichojos; Munguia, Pena, Nunez; Cisneros, Pulido, Fragoso, Alvaredo, Padilla.

Peru: Rubinos; Campos, Elias; Mifflin, Latorre, Chumpitaz; Baylon, Challe, Leon, Cubillas, Casaretto.

MAY 23

Mexico (3) 3 (Borja 2, Bustos)
Peru (0) 0

Mexico: Castrejon; Alexandrez, Perez; Munguia, Pena, Nunez; Estrada (Padilla), Gonzalez, Borja, Bustos (Alvaredo), Victorino.

Peru: Sartor; Gonzalez, Mifflin; Latorre, Chumpitaz, Challe; Baylon, Cubillas, Leon, Casaretto, Ramirez (Munante).

MAY 24

Italy (0) 0 50,000
Bulgaria (0) 0

Italy: Zoff; Burgnich (Poletti), Facchetti; Salvadore, Pula, Bertini; Domenghini, Mazzola, Anastasi, De Sisti, Riva.

Bulgaria: Simeonov; Aladiov, Iskov; Gaganelov, Zecev, Penev; Dermendijev, Bonev, Asparoukhov, Kolev, Kozev.

MAY 28

Chile (1) 1 (Velez)
Argentina (0) 1 (Quintano o.g.)

Chile: Neff; Rodriguez, Diaz; Valdes, Laube, Quintano; Fouilloux (Castelli), Hodge, Olivares (Lara), Marcos, Velez.

Argentina: Santoro; Sune, Marzolini; Cabrera, Perfumo, Basile; Yazalde (Veglio), Rattin, Wehbe, Recio, Salamone.

JUNE 1

Sweden (3) 4 (Paalsson, Eijderstedt 2, Andersson)
Norway (1) 2 (Iversen, Berg) 25,671

Sweden: Pettersson; Selander, Grip; Svensson, Axelsson, Nordqvist; Eriksson, Paalsson, Eijerstedt, Olsson, Andersson.

Norway: Thurn (B. Olsen); Nils, Nostal; Morisback, Eggen, Allsaker; Borno, Berg, Iversen, Peterson, Mathiesen.

JUNE 3

Mexico XI (0) 0 45,000
England XI (3) 4 (Clarke 2, Astle 2)

Mexico: Vargas; Vantolra, Perez; Gonzales, Pena, Nunez; Alvaredo, Valdivia, Fragoso, Pulido (Munguia), Padilla (Estrada).

England: Shilton; Wright, McNab; Moore, Charlton (J.), Harvey; Ball (Mullery), Bell (B. Charlton), Astle, Clarke, Peters.

JUNE 8

Eire (0) 1 (Givens) 20,000
Hungary (1) 2 (Dunai A., Bene)

Eire: Kelly; Brennan, Dunne; Conway, Finnoane, Mulligan; Dunphy, Leech, Hurley (O'Neill), Rogers, Givens.

Hungary: Szentmihaly; Kaposzta, Zambo; Szucs, Meszoly, Ihasz; Bene, Gorocs, Dunai A., Kozma (Farkas), Albert.

Uruguay (0) 1 (Cubilla) 40,000
England (1) 2 (Ball, Hurst)

Uruguay: Maidana; Anchetta, Mujica; Montero, Pinax, Paz; Cubilla, Matosas, Silva, Cortex, Morales.

Angelo Domenghini—was unsuccessful in piercing the Santos defence when the two clubs met in the Supercup at San Siro.

England: Banks; Wright, Newton; Mullery, Labone, Moore; Lee, Ball, Hurst, Bell, Peters.

Paraguay (0) 0 20,000
Chile (0) 1 (Araya)

Paraguay: Villanueva; Colman, Mendoza; Rojas, Enciso, Tavarelli; Godoy, Arrua, Ferreyra (Cabral), Sandoval (Escobar), Cibils (Mora).

Chile: Neff; Rodriguez, Diaz; Valdes, Laube, Quintano; Fouilloux, Yavar (Reinoso), Olivares, Hodge, Velez (Lara).

JUNE 12

Argentina (0) 2 (Fischer, Brindisi)
Chile (0) 1 (Olivares)

Argentina: Cejas; Sune, Marzolini; Ruilli, Pascuttini, Basile; Lamelza, Rattin (Recio then Pachame), Wehbe, Cocco (Brindisi), Fischer.

Chile: Neff; Rodriguez, Diaz; Valdes, Laube, Quintano; Yavar (Reinoso), Hodge, Olivares, Fouilloux, Velez (Lara).

Brazil (0) 2 (Tostao, Jairzinho)
England (1) 1 (Bell) 120,000

Brazil: Gylmar; Carlos Alberto; Rildo; Gerson, Djalma Dias, Joel; Jairzinho, Clodoaldo, Tostao, Pele, Edu (Cesar).

England: Banks; Wright, Newton; Mullery, Labone, Moore; Ball, Bell, Charlton (R.), Hurst, Peters.

JUNE 15

Colombia (0) 3 (Gonzalez J. 2, Gallego) 50,000
Chile (2) 3 (Fouilloux, Reinoso, Laube)

Colombia: Largacha; Segovia, Castro; Garcia, Lopez, Gaviria; Gallego, Gonzalez (G.), Lobaton, Gonzalez (J.), Santa.

Chile: Neff; Rodriguez, Diaz; Valdes, Laube, Quintano; Araya, Hodge, Olivares, Reinoso, Fouilloux.

Bulgaria (2) 4 (Penev 2, Dermendijev, Asparoukhov) 50,000
Poland (1) 1 (Dejna)

Bulgaria: Simeonov; Pechev, Iskov; Gaganelov, Jetchev, Penev; Kolev (T.), Dermendijev, Asparoukhov, Bonev, Kotzev.

Poland: Kostka; Piechniczek, Sadkowski; Winkler, Oslizlo, Anczok; Soltysik, Wilczek (Marx), Lubanski, Dejna, Blaut.

Denmark (2) 3 (Ole Sorensen, Lefevre, Ole Madsen) 50,600
Hungary (2) 2 (Bene, Farkas)

Denmark: Engedahl; Larsen, Jensen (H. N.); Moller, Nielsen, Michaelsen; Ole Sorensen, Madsen, Lief Sorensen, Jensen (B.), Lefevre.

Hungary: Szentmihaly; Kaposzta, Juhasz; Szucs, Meszoly, Panocics; Bene, Albert (Zambo), Dunai II (Dunai III), Farkas, Sloymosi.

JUNE 22

East Germany (0) 0 20,000
Chile (0) 1 (Javar)

East Germany: Croy; Fraessdorf, Hamann; Wruck, Urbanczyk, Bransch; Lowe, Kreische, Frenzel, Sparwasser, Vogel.

Chile: Neff; Rodriguez, Laube; Hodge, Quintano, Diaz; Valdes (Javar), Olivares, Reinoso, Araya, Fouilloux.

JUNE 25

Finland (2) 2 (Lindholm, Tolsa)
Spain (0) 0 12,000

Finland: Nieman; Makipaa, Kautonen; Nummelin, Kilponen, Saviomaa; Andelmin, Makela, Tolsa, Nupponen, Lindholm.

Spain: Sadurni; Martin Segundo, Glaria; Zabalza (Fuste), Tonono, Vidagany; Bustillo, Amancio (Ballester), Velasquez, Gruson, Asensi.

Denmark (0) 0 50,000
Sweden (1) 1 (Eklund)

Denmark: Engedahl; Larsen, Nielsen; Moller, Jensen (H. N.), Michaelsen; Ole Sorensen, Madsen, Leif Sorensen, Jensen (B.), Lefevre.

Sweden: Larsson (S.); Selander, Grip; Eriksson, Kristensson, Nordqvist; Svensson, Olson, Eijderstedt, Eklund, Paalsson.

Ecuador (0) 0 60,000
Uruguay (1) 2 (Lareno, Zubia)

Ecuador: Ordenana, Quijano, Tibar; Cardenas, Portilla, Quinteros; Munoz, Lasso (T. Rodriguez), Bolanos, Tapia, Espinosa (Rancel).

Uruguay: Mazurkiewicz; Ubinas, Caetano; Montero Castillo, Anchetta, Matosas; Cubilla, Rocha, Silva (Zubia), Cortes, Bareno.

OTHER INTERNATIONALS

MAY 14

Porto Alegre Select (Brazil (1) 1 (Sergio)
Argentina (1) 1 (Perfumo)

P. Alegre: Alberto; Everaldo, Sadir; Joaninho, Scala, Aurio; Claudomiro, Elton, Sergio, Dorinho, Torino.

Argentina: Cejas; Sune, Marzolini; Cocco (Veglio), Perfumo, Recio; Gonzalez (Salomone), Rattin, Yazalde, Cabrera, Fischer.

MAY 26

Quito Select (Ecuador) (0) 1 (Contreras)
Peru (1) 1 (Leon) 13,000

Quito: Orrego; Munoz, Dominguez; Rolon, De los Santos, Tobar; Bernavidez, Shettini, Contreras, Bertoochi, Lescano.

Peru: Zegarra; Campos, Elias; Mifflin, Latore, Challe; Baylon, Cubillas, Leon, Minante, Ramirez.

MAY 29

Pichincha Select (Ecuador) (0) 1 (Contreras)
Peru (1) 1 (Leon) 10,000

P. Select: Orrego; Munoz (Perez), Dominguez; Guerrero, De los Santos, Tobar; Lescano, Shettini, Bertoochi, Bernavidez, Larrea (Contreras).

Peru: Zegarra; Campos, Elias; Mifflin, Latore, Chumpitaz; Munante (P. Zegarra), Challe (Casaretto), Leon, Cubillas, Ramirez (Baylon).

TORONTO CUP

MAY 29

Tottenham Hotspur (0) 0 20,152
Fiorentina 3 (Amarildo 2, Cencetti)

Tottenham: Jennings; Want (Evans), Knowles; Perryman, Collins, Beal; Pearce, Greaves, Gilzean (Johnson), Venables, Morgan.

Fiorentina: Superchi; Rogora, Manzin (Cencetti); Pirovano, Ferrante, Brizi;

Rizzo, Merlo, Amarildo, De Sisti, Danova (Mariani).

JUNE 2

Glasgow Rangers 3 (Stein 2, Persson) 10,506
Tottenham Hotspur 4 (Greaves 3, 1 pen., Morgan)

Rangers: Neef; Johansen, Mathiesen; Greig, McKinnon, Smith (D.); Henderson, Watson, Stein, Johnston, Persson.
Tottenham: Hancock; Want, Knowles; Perryman, Evans, Beal; Johnson (Venables), Greaves, Pearce, Pratt, Morgan.

JUNE 8

Fiorentina 2 (Maraschi 2, 1 pen.)
Glasgow Rangers 0 22,519

Fiorentina: Superchi; Rogora, Cencetti; Pirovano, Ferrante, Brizi; Rizzo, Merlo, Maraschi, De Sisti, Amarildo.
Rangers: Neef; Johansen, Mathiesen; Greig, McKinnon, Smith (D.); Henderson, Penman, Stein, Johnston, Persson.

SOUTH AMERICAN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL
(first leg)

MAY 15

Nacional (0) 0
Estudiantes (0) 1 (Flores)

Nacional: Manga; Ubinas, Mujica; Montero Castillo, Anchetta, Alvarez; Celio, Prieto, Maneiro (Esparrago), Cubilla, Morales.
Estudiantes: Puletti; Togneri, Malbernat; Bilardo, Aguirre Suarez, Madero; Rudzki (Ribaudo), Pachame, Conigliaro, Flores, Veron.

MAY 21
(second-leg)

Estudiantes (2) 2 (Flores, Conigliaro)
Nacional (0) 0

Estudiantes: Poletti; Togneri, Malbernat; Bilardo, Aguirre Suarez, Madero; Rudzki, Pachame, Conigliaro, Flores, Veron.
Nacional: Manga; Ubinas, Mujica; Montero Castillo, Anchetta, Alvarez; Esparrago, Cubilla, Garcia (Silveyra), Prieto, Morales.

SUPERCUP
(for former World Club Championship winners)

MAY 22

Racing Club (1) 1 (Da Silva)
Penarol (1) 1 (Basile o.g.)

Racing: Guibaudo; Cardoso, Diaz; Aguirre, Perfumo, Basile (Chabay); Lamelza, Zarich, Machado da Silva, Rabbito, Cardenas.
Penarol: Mazurkiewicz; Forlan, Caetano; Matosas, Figueroa, Varela; Onega, Rocha, Spencer, Acuna (Cortes), Joya.

Final Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Santos	4	3	0	1	6	5	6
Penarol	4	2	1	1	7	2	5
Racing Club	4	0	1	3	3	9	1

(Santos meet Internazionale of Milan.)

Final (first-leg)

Inter-Milan (0) 0 50,000
Santos (0) 1 (Toninho)

Inter-Milan: Bordon; Burgnich, Poli; Cella, Bedin, Guarneri; Jair, Mazzola, Domenghini, Vastola, Corso.
Santos: Claudio (Laercio); Carlos Alberto, Rildo; Negreiros, Djalma Diaz, Delgado; Toninho, Clodoaldo, Abel, Pele, Edu.

MORE NEXT MONTH

Georgi Asparoukhov—his goal two minutes from time completed the rout of the Poles in Sofia.

Scottish Angle

CONSTANTLY the cry has gone up, in Scotland as in other countries: "Let's clean up our soccer."

As has been the case everywhere else, the number of players cautioned and ordered off seems to have soared with each season that has passed.

Looking ahead to the new season, I would dearly love to think that the position will be improved; conversely, I can only see matters deteriorating.

The powers-that-be in the Scottish game are as anxious as anyone to bring about an improvement in player behaviour.

But I would earnestly suggest that the Scottish Referees' Committee, who are responsible for meting out punishments to offending footballers, have taken the wrong step in deciding to abolish, for a trial period of one year, automatic appearance before them by players collecting three cautions.

At one period, the soccer assassin, having collected two cautions, was forced to forget his strong-arm methods, knowing full well that a third booking would mean almost certain suspension.

Now, thanks to the benevolence of the Referees' Disciplinary Committee, players can go ahead gaily, picking up cautions galore.

Only ordering-off offences will mean immediate appearances before the "beaks".

Unfortunately, Jack Mowatt, one of Scotland's greatest post-war referees, who is now chairman of the committee,

by JOHN STONE

was not present at the SFA summer school for refs at Gorebridge recently.

I should have enjoyed hearing his comments on the "trial period", and how, as a former FIFA referee, he felt this would improve or worsen the current-day referee's already most difficult task each Saturday.

Mr Mowatt's stand-in, Frank Crossley, who is a Scottish referee supervisor, certainly proved an able, entertaining and lucid deputy.

Encourage

Mr Crossley made no bones about his feelings on a trial year that can only encourage soccer villainy.

Mr Crossley warned his audience—referees who will be in charge of our league games througout the autumn, winter and spring—that they will be in for a mighty difficult season. I don't for a minute feel he was being unduly pessimistic.

He also alleged that the proposal was adopted by the SFA because certain clubs had brought strong pressure to bear on the referees' committee.

Pressure

Mr Crossley was quoted thus: "We knew that some clubs had brought pressure to bear on the committee and they have apparently been successful. But the decision came as a great shock and disappointment to others as well as referees.

"In fact, the measure has been spoken of in some quarters as being a licence to kick. The player who is prepared to come out and go as far as possible till he is cautioned has never had it so good."

Referees have never had an enviable position. Next season will be tougher than ever for them. Spare some sympathy in their most difficult year. And watch for a spate of orderings-off. To me, that seems a certain follow-up to a decision that may be unique, but is, for my money, totally unnecessary.

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